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HANKOW SCARED.

NANKING ENEMIES APPROACHING.

INTENSIVE FIGHTING.

Up-River Expedition's Final Spurt.

RIVAL NATIONALIST FACTIONS FIRE FIELD GUNS ON SHIPS.

Hankow is very uneasy over the approach of the expedition sent up the Yangtze River by the Nanking Government against General Tang Seng-chi.

After making slow progress at first, the Nanking armies have put on a final spurt and now have only 40 miles to go to reach their objective.

At last the Hankow armies seem to be making a stand. Intensive fighting is reported, with disastrous results to passing merchant shipping.

THE DISTANCE TRAVELLED.

Before war broke out between Nanking and Hankow a month ago, the Hankow vanguard had reached to within 50 miles of Nanking, the Nanking forces hanging back and hoping against hope for conciliation.

When patience could be exercised no longer, Nanking declared war on General Tang Seng-chi of Hankow.

The distances between Nanking and Hankow are:—

Nanking up to Wuhu, 55 miles.
Wuhu to Tatung, 62 miles.
Tatung to Anking 46 miles.
Anking to Kiukiang 89 miles.
Kiukiang to Hankow 142 miles.
Nanking to Hankow 394 miles.

The Nanking expedition advanced the first 100 miles or so up the Yangtze without meeting any expedition, as the Hankow army retired. Then followed a little fighting, then a lull, and Nanking had gained less than half the distance. Within the last week, the advancing Nanking force has flitted from Anking past Kiukiang, and rapidly up-river in a final spurt, with only 40 miles more to go.

AT SPIT HILL.

Observers' Reports in Hankow Conditions.

Hankow, Yesterday.
Anxiety is felt here owing to the imminent approach of the punitive expedition sent up the Yangtze River by the Nanking Government. Services are in a state of disorganization and the situation is tense.—British Naval Wireless.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The rival armies of the Hankow and Nanking Governments are engaged in heavy fighting near Spit Hill, about 40 miles below Hankow. Passing ships have been fired upon by rifles and field guns on the banks of the River. Merchant boats are warned not to attempt to pass through the battle area in darkness.—British Naval Wireless.

CHANGE IN TACTICS.

Nanking and the War Against Sun Chuan-fang.

That the Nanking Nationalists are not making rapid progress in the campaign along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway against Marshal Sun Chuan-fang of the Fengtien federation is evident from the change in tactics.

Some of the Nanking units, instead of following the railway northward on a more difficult frontal attack, are wheeling overland to threaten a flank of the Northern defences at Pengpu, which is about 100 miles from the Yangtze.

Similar flanking moves were made earlier this year with mixed success.

Plain Clothes Men Wanted.

News from Chinese sources indicates that the most northerly Nanking unit is still 30 miles from Pengpu.

According to the "Hong Kong Evening Post," Marshal Chang Tso-lin, who is head of the Fengtien Government in Peking, has ordered some of his brigades to organize "plain clothes" detachments.

It is admitted in Peking that Shansi soldiers who do not wear

uniform have caused the Fengtien commanders much anxiety. A few thousand of them penetrated far behind the Fengtien lines, captured Chochoy which is only 40 miles from Peking, and have defied all attempts to oust them.

Fighting Continues.

Nationalist plain clothes men struck terror into the hearts of the Northerners when the war began, but their prestige has decreased. Shansi has copied the Nationalist example and now Chang Tso-lin, according to the report, intends to profit by adopting his enemies' methods.

Fighting between the "Christian General's" Kuominchun and one of the Fengtien armies continues, according to Chinese despatches, near the boundary between Shantung and Honan.

The Yellow River.

Peking, Yesterday.
A message received by the Cabinet to-day from General Chang Tsung-chang of Shantung states that the pro-Fengtien troops north of the Yellow River have crossed the River and entered Kaifeng, cutting off the Kuominchun retreat.—Reuter.

Fengtien-Shansi War.

Peking, Yesterday.
The Peking Government claims the capture of Kwei-hui, at the extremity of the Peking-Suiyuan Railway, in Shansi province. There are now more than 60,000 Fengtien troops in North Shansi holding the whole railway with Hwaijen the furthestmost town occupied on the march to Taiyuanfu.—Reuter.

LEFT AND RIGHT.

Shanghai Suggested as Venue for Convention.

Leftists of the Nationalist Party who recently returned to Canton from Hankow are stated to have met at Mr. Wang Ching-wei's house where they are believed to have discussed their position.

The consensus of opinion is that the Leftists are reconciled to the fact that Shanghai is a more likely venue than Canton for the grand Nationalist convention which, it is designed, is to abolish the ruling extraordinary council functioning in Nanking and to establish a new consolidated Nationalist Government under the control of the Party, the latter meaning in effect that the politicians are to have full control.

"What Are We?"

Mr. Sun Fo and General Tan Yen-kai, who were in the Hankow Government till the unification scheme with Nanking was launched, are quoted by the "Hong Kong Evening Post" as approving of the convention being held at Shanghai instead of Canton. They are made out as saying that by themselves they can neither abolish the extraordinary Council nor suspend its powers.

Partisans of General Chiang Kai-shek (who is stated to have returned to Shanghai from Japan) say that he is to take an active part in Nationalist politics as he is "reluctant to remain idle while the Party is disturbed by strife."

Shanghai, Yesterday.
General Chiang Kai-shek has arrived here.—British Naval Wireless.

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NO WAR FOR US.

Chinese Troops Who Will Not Fight!

CAMPAIGN CURIOSITIES.

Guarantees Wanted Of Pay And Territory.

(By "Li Chung-yin.")

Most people agree that the primary solution of China's troubles lies in getting rid, by disbandment or other means, of the hundreds of thousands of troops who are maintained solely to satisfy the whims of warlords.

As soldiers these poor men had to fight. As long as they fought they served the purpose of the Generals who either paid them or provided them with questionable means of sustenance.

There is a tendency to-day, however, which makes the evil worse than before. The soldiers want to remain as soldiers, but they will not fight!

How China has been bled by civil war has been told every day since the Revolution in 1911. But as long as the war lords were able to keep the war on, there was a remote possibility of one man being strong enough to crush the others and then setting up a stable Government.

An Offer to Anybody.

Such a possibility is at once removed if the rank and file are not going to do their duty.

Two or three army commanders revolted two months ago against Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang who is best known as the "Christian General." In a circular telegram, they expressed strong disapproval of being moved about from one place to another in preparation for war. They declared themselves ready to offer their armies to any war lord who would undertake not to send them into a campaign. Incidentally, they also wanted guarantees of regular pay and the assignment to them of territory from which they could draw some revenue.

A Game of "Push."

What can be done, one asks in a feeling of helplessness, with men who call themselves Generals and yet deliver utterances so childish? What is a super-General going to pay them for?

Evidence of this soldier-without-war spirit is abundant in the present game of "push" in the North.

A fair sized army of men from Chihli and Shantung provinces, under orders from the Fengtien leaders in Peking, invaded Honan province. The attacking force included a great many units which served several factions during the last three years. The defenders were no better off.

Not Even in Victory.

To the surprise of observers, the Fengtien army made considerable progress. I suggest that they gained ground because those units of the defending Kuominchun, under the "no war" Generals, felt that it was not their duty to fight.

Last week the Fengtien men came up (in their "push") against the flower of the "Christian General's" army who counter-attacked and took back in a few days what they had lost in a month.

One then anticipated that the Kuominchun would carry the battle "and push back into the enemy's camp. But their line had been extended and, to exercise precaution, more men were needed. Now that victory was on their side, it was hoped that the "no war" Generals would join the fray. They did not!

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NOT RESPONSIBLE.

Chinese Military, in a British Concession.

Chinkiang, Yesterday.
The Nationalist Commissioner for Foreign Affairs has, following a series of protests and representations, announced that he is unable to bind the military to a guarantee of safety for British subjects who visit the British Concession in Chinkiang.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: The Concession, with an area of 1 1/2 mile square, has been over-run by Nationalist troops for some time. Two members of the A.P.C. British staff were maltreated recently.]

KING AT CENOTAPH.

Impressive Ceremony in London.

POPPIES EVERYWHERE.

Appeal By H.R.H. The Prince Of Wales.

London, Yesterday.

Sunny frosty weather favoured the celebration of Armistice Day in London. Their Majesties the King and Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York and other members of the Royal Family, members of the Cabinet and representatives of the Dominions, participated in the impressive ceremony at the Cenotaph.

The two minutes' silence was everywhere scrupulously observed and the wearing of Flanders Poppies was universal. The broadcast appeal of the Prince of Wales last evening urging all to "give a little more than last year" and other appeals, including that of Earl Haig evoked a magnificent response.

The sellers of poppies started their work at midnight outside the House of Commons and in the West End.—Reuter.

The Crowd in Whitehall.

London, Yesterday.
The great crowd that assembled in Whitehall on Armistice Day is like no other crowd that London knows throughout the year. It as-

WEATHER FORECAST.

N.E. winds, fresh, fine, is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

sembles and stands in silence and its perfect quietude is a measure of deep emotions which are stirred in British hearts and which are meliorated but undiminished by the passage of nine years.

In the early hours of this morning people began to gather near the Cenotaph which had already been loaded with wreaths sent by British communities overseas, as far distant as Sao Paulo, Brazil and Rhodesia, and long before the service began Whitehall was again a mass of unmoving and noiseless humanity.

The same simple ceremonial as in previous years was followed. Ten minutes before it began the King arrived and stood between his sons in a hollow square around the Cenotaph formed by service and ex-service detachments. He stepped forward and laid his wreath at the base of the Cenotaph, after which others were laid by the Princes, members of the Government and representatives of the Services and from Overseas.

Reverent Pilgrimage.

Then with the firing of signals came the two minutes' silence. As it ended the bugle notes of the Last Post sounded, and then the crowd, led by choirs and massed groups of bands, sang "O God Our Help."

The service ended with the National Anthem.

Then began the long reverent pilgrimage to the Cenotaph by patient queues of people, to lay their wreaths at its base. Meanwhile a service had been held at the tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey, and in innumerable churches throughout the country.

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POPPY DAY SALES.

RECEIPTS MAY EXCEED LAST YEAR.

APPROXIMATE RESULTS.

It is impossible at present to give even an approximate total sum as the amount raised in Hong Kong as the result of the sales of poppies, auctions, donations, football match, etc., but the indications are that Hong Kong will at least equal the sum of \$1,517 raised last year.

Approximately \$4,200 was realised in Hong Kong as a result of Poppy sales and \$1,500 in Kowloon. To this has to be added the \$1,200 realised by the U.S.R.C. fete, \$1,400 raised as a result of poster sales, etc., at the Hong Kong Club, \$1,100 at the Kowloon Cricket Club, football, match receipts, collections from various ships and other boxes from outlying districts still to come.

It is confidently anticipated that the amount of \$2,236 which was raised by Hong Kong and China last year will at least be equalled.

BANDITS ROUTED.

A British Gunboat In Action.

ATTACKS ON THE WEST RIVER.

Series Of Recent Incidents Near Canton.

Canton, Yesterday.

That part of the West River just below Samshui has been the scene of a series of attacks by bandits on merchant craft.

At noon yesterday, H.M.S. "Robin" had to intervene when bandits on Sunsha Island, near Sainam (which is above Canton), opened fire with machine guns on the tow-boat which plies between Sainam and Dosing, further up the West River. The British gunboat returned the attack with her main armament and the bandits on shore were dispersed.

On November 7, bandits attacked Sainam, after having been repulsed by the local Merchants' Volunteers on October 30.—British Naval Wireless.

A Victory and a Defeat.

Bandits of a village near the outlaw-infested locality around the silk port of Kowkong have been scattered by 600 men from the district garrison after a sharp engagement this week. Some of the bandits were killed, six have been detained on suspicion. The troops took ten rifles after the fight. The gang was formerly led by a notorious robber chief who was recently killed at Kowkong when he stormed the town.

In the Tsang-sang district (East River); however, about 200 bandits under another well-known leader carried out a successful night attack on a village which they ransacked with customary thoroughness. The small batch of People's Volunteers were routed by the bandits.

STRIKERS GOING.

Pickets Arrested and 3,000 Men Paid Off.

About 3,000 men were paid off on Thursday by the Canton Government, it being the first day of the period designated for winding up the "Canton-Hong Kong Strike" movement.

Preliminary steps have been taken by the Police to obtain re-entry into possession by owners of private property which has been used by the strikers as billets for over two years.

A report is available that several Strike pickets have been arrested by the Police for being in possession of inflammatory literature.

WHY THE VIGILANCE.

Grenade Found: Passengers to Be Examined.

Detectives have been ordered by the Canton Police Commissioner to special duty at the wharves of the river steamboats and the station of the Canton-Kowloon Railway. On arrival at Canton, Chinese passengers are subject to question. The vigilance is being directed against the entry of persons suspected of plotting against the Kwangtung Government.

On Thursday afternoon, an article closely resembling a hand grenade was disclosed in the parcels department of the Canton Post Office on the West Bund. This "article" was wrapped in tinfoil, inside a small wooden box which was protected by a canvas bag. A middle-aged man of respectable appearance, who was subsequently alleged to be an employee of a Customs broker, had the parcel for which he maintained he had a permit, but he was allowed to leave the Post Office in the confusion.

Ironsides Recruits.
Units of the 4th Nationalist Army which are included in the Cantonese force known as the Ironsides have been concerned in a series of movements which may or may not have a political bearing.

When the Ironsides returned to Canton from Hankow, General Li Chai-sum, the Commander-in-Chief, gave them considerable latitude. When his own command in and around Canton had been reinforced by the return of troops from other districts, General Li indirectly brought about the reduction of the Ironsides' powers. Meanwhile, General Wong Ki-chung, who commands

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TRADE IMPETUS.

Extraordinary Recovery At Home.

COAL AT 1925 LEVEL.

Iron And Steel Manufacturers Increase.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The improvement in British overseas trade for October is recorded in the Board of Trade return issued to-day.

The exports for the month totalled \$61,000,000 being an advance of half a million compared with September, whilst the imports amounted to \$105,000,000, being an increase of three millions compared with September.

A comparison of the first ten months of the present year with the same period of 1926 shows that the increase in exports during that period is about \$30,500,000.

Though the increase during October was not great, the last three or four months have actually been responsible for the great part of increase of the ten months, thus showing that the export trade of the country has received an extraordinary impetus in a short time.

Coal has almost reached level of 1925, and iron and steel manufactures are actually one million pounds above those of 1925.

The volume of the exports of machinery, too, is almost equivalent to two years ago.

The imports for the first ten months of this year, however, declined nearly ten millions in 1926 and over 67 millions in 1925.—British Wireless Service.

the 4th "Ironsides" Army, has been recruiting up-country. The new detachments are to be reviewed by General Wong Ki-chung to-morrow, outside the western suburbs of Canton city.

Artillery Brigade Moves.

Arrangements were made for the Ironsides to garrison the East River but the majority of the 10,000 men have been kept in Canton. Apparently realising that they are in a minority, the Ironsides have begun transferring units to the East River. The 2nd artillery brigade of the 4th Army left for Waichow (on the lower course of the East River) on Thursday, entraining at the (Taisasha-tau) terminus of the Canton-Kowloon Railway (Chinese section) and causing the cancellation of a "local" train for Sheklung.

About 1,000 Kwangsi soldiers who fought for and against the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen as mercenaries, are to be taken over by the Ironsides, states a Chinese report. Having fallen upon very lean times, and with only a fraction of their original numbers, these troops are now journeying along the northern frontiers of Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

The Warlike General.

"Moderate" elements in Canton, including the dominant factions in the majority of labour unions, are looking forward to the expected return next week of General Wong Shiu-hung of Kwangsi, the man who provided the material backing for General Li Chai-sum at the critical moment when the Ironsides reached Canton and General Li's own men were away, fighting the Communists at Swatow. General Wong Shiu-hung is looked upon as carrying much weight in the administration for the two Kwang provinces and is thought to be anxious to attack General Tang Seng-chi of Hankow, so as to help his colleagues in Nanking.

Control Over Volunteers.

The provincial military administration is strengthening control on the multitude of so-called volunteers who act as local guards in nearly every village, town or district in Kwangtung. These units are known as People's Volunteers, but are really paid watchmen on a semi-military footing. Some of them have performed exemplary service against raiding bandits but others have given the authorities trouble. Control is to be centred in a Canton department which will despatch officers to be attached to each unit.

The naval department of the temporary (supreme) war council in Canton has been placed on a proper footing. A bureau is to direct small armed craft which will be used mostly for patrols on the rivers in anti-piracy work.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

First Day of Trial Match.

FINCHER REPLACES HUNT.

Opposition Dismissed For 75 Runs.

In the interport cricket trial match yesterday on the H.K.C.C. ground there was one change in the Interport XI. Fincher taking the place of Lieut. Hunt, who was indisposed.

Capt. Morris's Eleven batted first, Dynes and Thorp facing the bowling of Dobbie and Wales. In Dobbie's second over he sent back Thorp, caught by Brace at second slip, with only three on the board.

With Venn in, the score was advanced to 11, when Dobbie with a beautiful ball that swung in from the leg, disturbed the newcomer's wicket.

Dynes and Bridgland made a stand, and Bridgland looked like settling down when he gave a hard chance to Dale at first slip which the latter held.

Morris fell to a c and b by Goodwin and a little later Dynes was dismissed by the same bowler in a similar way. Then wickets fell rapidly and Brace polished off the innings by securing three wickets for only two runs.

The Interport eleven passed their opponents' total with the loss of one wicket. Brace was dismissed early, but after he had gone, Hayward and Fincher knocked all the sting out of the bowling. Hayward completed the half century and fell to a brilliant catch in the country by Lammert.

Fincher and Ramsey played out time. Fincher had a narrow escape at 10, being given not out when a confident appeal for a catch behind the wicket had been made.

Capt. E. W. Morris's XI.

Lieut. Dynes, c and b Goodwin	23
Capt. Thorp, b Brace, b Dobbie	2
Rev. R. T. Venn, b Dobbie	1
Capt. Bridgland, c Dale, b Dobbie	11
Capt. E. W. Morris, c and b Goodwin	1
Capt. Erskine, c Hayward, b Brace	9
Grp. Comdr. Robertson, c Dale, b Brace	9
G. F. Lammert, b Hankey	4
Pay Lt. Comdr. Shaw, c Fincher	4
Lt. Comdr. Thomson, not out	3
E. B. Reed, b Brace	3
Extras	6
Total	75

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Capt. A. G. Dobbie	7	12	3	8
C. D. Wales	5	1	16	—
Lt. J. B. A. Hankey	9	1	26	2
F. Goodwin	4	1	14	2
W. Brace	3	2	3	3

Interport XI.

A. W. Hayward, c Lammert, b Dynes	59
W. Brace, b Reed	8
E. C. Fincher, not out	35
A. W. Ramsey, not out	7
Extras	9

Total (for 2 wks.) 118
Pearce, Dobbie, Sayer, Dale, Hankey, Goodwin and Wales to bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Capt. Erskine	6	1	17	—
E. B. Reed	9	3	24	—
Lt. Comdr. Thomson	5	—	26	—
Capt. Thorp	6	—	24	—
Lt. Dynes	5	—	18	1

SHANGHAI TRIAL.

Interport Eleven Overwhelm the Rest.

FOUR MEN RETIRE.

The final Interport trial game was played at Shanghai last Saturday and resulted in an easy win for the Interport eleven.

The batting was of a high order and, if the form recently displayed by the Interport batsmen can be maintained, Hong Kong and Malaya will have a hard task before them. Carr got three wickets for 55 for the Rest and the other wicket was secured by Reed at a cost of 51 runs.

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UNFAIR FREIGHTS.

HOW LANCASTIRE IS HIT.

MANCHESTER MEETING.

Mr. B. Waddington, M.P., for the Rossendale Division, who spoke at the opening meeting of the new session of the Manchester Athenaeum Textile Society on October 4, on "Can Lancashire regain her textile prosperity?" said he refused to ally himself either with the extreme optimists or the extreme pessimists who had discussed this question in recent years. There were so many factors, both political and economic, which had had their influence on Lancashire trade that he would be a bold man who would say that anything Lancashire itself could do would restore its old prosperity. They had still to wait for the settlement of great international problems, but in the meantime they ought not to sit still, but consider what improvements they could make within the trade itself.

Two matters on which there was room for great improvement, Mr. Waddington suggested, were our methods of marketing our goods abroad and the question of the control of shipping freights in the interest of export trade. Japan's export figures of cotton goods for last year, which showed she was now sending out one yard for every four yards we were exporting, were striking evidence of the great advance she had made, but he thought there was something lacking in the way Lancashire had managed its export trade that had not been able to get some part of the huge increase of trade that Japan had won in the Far East. That increase had not all been in the cheaper lines, but some of it in cloths which would do credit to any Lancashire manufacturer. There was room for much closer co-operation between the merchant and the manufacturer. Cases thirty years old could be quoted to show the more efficient methods of merchandising by which Japan had advanced in the China markets, and he quoted, as a more up-to-date example, the agreement made by a Japanese mission in Egypt last year for a display of full samples of their productions and for the setting up of efficient machinery for their sale. There was urgent need, he suggested, for the same kind of collaboration between merchant and manufacturer to promote the export trade from Lancashire.

Turning to the question of the injustices under which the British trader suffered in the matter of shipping freights, Mr. Waddington said this was no new grievance. It had agitated the people of Manchester 30 years ago, and he quoted many commissions and committees of inquiry which had made recommendations on the subject since then, none of which had been carried out. It was because there was no organisation in existence which could compel the shipping lines or the Board of Trade to deal justly to the British trader as against his foreign competitor. The United

States had found the rebate system of the Conference lines so inimical to their trade that they had made it illegal; so, too, had Australia and South Africa, though their laws had been made more or less inoperative because we on our side had not taken similar action.

There was every ground for yet a further inquiry into the injury these Conference lines were doing to our export trade by preventing the British shipper from getting his goods at the lowest price into overseas markets. As an example of what was going on in this way he quoted the freights to Constantinople, to which port cotton goods could be sent from Antwerp for 15s. per measurement ton, while for the same goods from Liverpool to Constantinople the shipper had to pay 75s. From Antwerp to the Argentine the charge per measurement ton was 50s.; from Liverpool 100s. To Valparaiso on the Pacific the freights were the same from Liverpool as from Antwerp, while on the Atlantic route there was the difference between 60s. and 100s. As traders they certainly ought not to rest content under such a system without vigorous opposition to it. These freight differences, it could be shown, made a difference in some cases of 1s. 7d. a piece—this was not a matter of fractions per piece—and they all knew what a difference that amount would make in the competition for foreign trade.

After quoting, as a further example of the Conference lines policy, the imposition of a 5s. surcharge on goods shipped from British East Africa in British ships to European ports—in order to force the shipper to ship by foreign boats—Mr. Waddington went on to urge that definite and unceasing action should be taken by the Manchester Chamber of Commerce to deal with the whole problem of shipping freights. One thing that was wanted was much more publicity, for if the people of Lancashire knew the conditions under which their traders were suffering they would not allow the system to go on year after year. The trouble was that this was one of those things which only affected a few people directly though it affected their whole foreign trade indirectly. If the Chamber of Commerce took action and were rebuffed, there remained the Imperial Shipping Committee, which existed for the sole purpose of removing injustices under which British shippers suffered. The organisations of the Lancashire trade ought to impress it upon that Committee that here was an injustice which was jeopardising the export trade of the country and ought not to be allowed to continue.

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TWO SHIPOWNERS DEAD.

PARTNERS IN WELL-KNOWN
GLASGOW FIRMS.

The deaths of two well-known Glasgow shipowners—Mr. George Burrell and Mr. Robert Drummond French—were announced recently. Mr. Burrell's death occurred at Ballycastle, County Antrim, Ireland. A partner in the Glasgow shipowning and shipbuilding firm of Burrell and Son, with which he had been associated all his life, he was a native of Glasgow, and resided at Gleniffer Lodge, Paisley. He was a brother of Sir William Burrell who presented the Burrell collection of paintings now housed in Glasgow Art Galleries.

The death of Mr. R. D. French, of Ashraig, Skelmorlie, took place in a Glasgow nursing home. Mr. French, who was 60 years of age, was formerly a partner in the firm of MacLay and McIntyre, shipowners, Glasgow. During the war he suspended the importation of iron ore into Glasgow on behalf of the Ministry of Shipping.

SILVERBELLE AT SINGAPORE.

TWISTED STEM AFTER
MACASSAR COLLISION.

The motor vessel "Silverbelle," of the Silver Line, which was in collision with the steamer "Sembilan" at Macassar recently, arrived at Singapore on October 30 with a twisted stem. She was due to leave for New York on November 5. The damage was temporarily repaired at Macassar.

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Viscount Cecil instanced the obscure origin of past disputes, which ultimately had involved Great Britain in war, and he pointed out that 14 shillings out of every £1 of taxation was due to past wars, or preparation for new wars.

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Bombay, Oct. 13.
Mr. W. E. "Pussyfoot" Johnson is to visit Calcutta next year, and details of his itinerary will probably be arranged at the forthcoming conference at Delhi of the Prohibition League of India.

As a result of his Indian tour in 1921, Mr. Johnson declared that India was the best country in the world in which to enact the Prohibition law, and at that time he announced that it would occasion him no surprise if India went "dry" in five years.

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THE DISCOVERY.

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HOW THE WHALE LIVES.

The Royal Research ship "Discovery," which for two years has been sailing the South Polar seas, was expected at Falmouth on September 26, with her personnel of 39 British scientists and sailors.

Her task is not then ended. A quantity of scientific material now on board has to be examined, and after a lapse of some months the "Discovery," the stout ship in which Scott in 1901 made his first expedition to the Antarctic and in which Shackleton also served, will again put out for the far South.

But for the time being there is a halt in a picturesque odyssey, which has for its main object the study of the life of whales and the investigation of conditions of the far-southern fishing grounds. Londoners will have the opportunity of seeing the "Discovery," for she is expected to dock in the Thames on October 1. The gallant ship was Scott's Antarctic home between 1901-4. She was partly rebuilt for her last strenuous commission, and she sailed from Portsmouth in September, 1925, in the service of the Falkland Islands Government, and under the blessing of the British Colonial Office, states the "Sunday Times."

She is commanded by a man who has spent a large slice of his life in the Antarctic, Commander J. R. Stenhouse, D.S.O., R.N.R. It was Stenhouse who, in the "Amora," was sent to the relief of Sir Ernest Shackleton's party in 1914. Among those with him in the "Discovery" are:—

Lieut. Commander W. H. O'Connor, R.N.R. (first lieutenant), Mr. T. W. Goodchild (third officer), Lieut. Commander J. N. Chaplin, R.N.R. (navigating officer), Engineer-Lieut. Commander W. C. Horton, R.N. (chief engineer), Mr. A. N. Porteous (second engineer), Dr. S. W. Kemp (director of research) and Messrs. E. H. Marshall, A. C. Hardy, J. E. Hamilton, E. R. Gunter, and H. E. P. Hardman.

Boys in the Crew.
Other members of the crew include three boys—John Bentley, W. P. O'Connor, and F. K. Pearce. Bentley was but 15 when he sailed on perhaps what must have been the most rigorous cruise for which any lad could have embarked. He holds a certificate as first-class seaman, and is proudly recorded on the "Discovery's" books as Cadet-Captain.

Yet another member of the "Discovery's" company is Mr. James W. S. Marr, of Aberdeen, who will be best remembered as "Boy Scout Mary," the youth of 18 who accompanied Shackleton on his last tragic voyage. Mr. Marr, now an M.A., B.Sc., of Aberdeen, is attached to the expedition as Zoologist.

The expedition was the outcome of recommendations contained in a Blue Book published in 1920 on the development of the Dependencies of the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and the South Shetlands are largely dependent on the whaling industry, and the expedition was sent to furnish data for protective legislation to prevent the depletion of the stock of whales.

The Whole Birth-Rate.
Among the questions with which the scientists have been occupying themselves are:—"How long does the whale live? Is the whale polygamous? How far does he travel each year? What is the whale's birthrate?"

Natural history has known nothing of the incidence of circum-polar migration and little of the life and habits of the whale, and although at first sight the expedition's objects might appear futile or frivolous, they have a very real and valuable bearing upon scientific advancement: that is sought. Whaling experts await with particular anxiety the report of the expedition on the hardly hunted hump-back whale.

The "Discovery's" staff was selected by a committee with headquarters at the Colonial Office. The plant and equipment of the expedition were carefully worked out, and the ship was transformed more into a floating laboratory than a "whaler" in the ordinary sense. She was provided with a 42-knot motor-boat, to be launched at all suitable places where whales were sighted.

Working with the "Discovery" is the sister ship, the "William Scoresby," which is the only whale-marking vessel afloat. The "William Scoresby" carries an instrument for firing silver-plated darts into the blubber of whales. These are, in effect, identity discs, bearing the date and the place where the shooting took place.

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At Tristan da Cunha.
During her two years in the far South, the "Discovery" has visited the Falklands, South Georgia, the South Orkneys, and she has penetrated hundreds of miles south of Cape Horn. In her wanderings she has visited at Tristan da Cunha and given supplies and the world's tidings to the handful of marooned people at the Empire's loneliest outpost.

Apart from whaling and the tracking of the levitation to his lair, the expedition has investigated problems of oceanography, meteorology, and magnetism, and in all departments of its work results will be eagerly awaited. In addition to the Colonial Office there is represented on the executive committee the British Museum, the Ministry of Fisheries, and the Royal Geographical Society.

The returning voyager may have strange tales to tell, for when they were mobilised by the Colonial Office they were told to be "prepared for a life not free from hardships." Humanly, not less than scientifically, the story of their two years in the frozen seas will be heard with sympathy and interest.

GLASGOW'S GREATER DOCKS.

In the course of their annual inspection the Clyde Trust had another look in at the great Shieldhall Dock scheme, which covers an area of 700 acres between Linthouse (Govan) and Renfrew, has a river frontage of two miles, and will, when completed 20 or 30 years hence, add six miles of deep-water berthage to Glasgow Harbour. So far only the first of the six new docks is being proceeded with, at a cost of something like £1,500,000, it being the intention of the Clyde Trust to add to the accommodation as necessities arise, and to take advantage of all the latest improvements in dock construction and equipment as they become available.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Yokohama for Vancouver on November 4 at 3 p.m., and is due at Vancouver to-morrow.

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PRESENT DAY INDIA.

The announcement at the resumption of Parliament of the personnel of the Statutory Commission which is to visit India has led to considerable controversy owing to the omission of any Indian from its membership. In view of this it is well to consider the object with which the Commission has been set up and to consider whether any Indian member of the Commission could fairly be said to take the detached view which is so necessary on an important issue of this kind. The Commission is charged with the duty of enquiring into the system of government, the growth of education, and the development of representative institutions, in British India, and matters connected therewith. It is to report whether and to what extent it is desirable to establish the system of responsible government, or to extend, modify, or restrict the degree of responsible government then existing therein, including the question whether the establishment of second chambers of the local legislature is or is not desirable. The Commission may also report on any other matter affecting British India and the provinces which may be referred to by the King.

Roughly, therefore, the Commission has two duties. First, to assess the working of the transitional constitution to which reference was made by Sir Frederick Whyte, one of the pioneers of the Indian self-government experiment, who spoke "On India" at the University on Thursday, secondly, to propose alterations if it considered them to be desirable. In view, therefore, of the nature of its duties it was eminently more suitable that

Commissioners should be appointed free from previous association with India, and it is obvious that the various opinions of leading Indians can be far more effectively enforced by means of evidence tendered before the Commission than by hampering Indian representatives with the difficult task of showing impartiality and, at the same time, repressing very natural but dangerous emotions. It would have been a tragedy if the Commission had become by the inclusion of party interests, in its representation, the object of contending parties' endeavour to prove their own particular nostrums to be efficacious or their criticisms of the present scheme to be justified.

In order to clear the air it should be possible to lay down certain main principles on which all in India are agreed and from those principles to create a basis on which the Commission may form a clear and well-founded judgment on the important issues at stake. It is, for example, a general belief by Britons and Indians in India that India's progress and prosperity will continue to depend on her being a component part of the British Empire. It will be agreed that the advance of India to dominion self-government is the goal at which we are aiming. It will be agreed that the defence of India involves Imperial considerations of a magnitude beyond the competency of any Indian Government to tackle for some time to come. It will probably be agreed by most people that reconsideration of India's financial commitments for defence might usefully be attempted with this view in mind. It will be agreed that India's development, as a nation depends on the continued co-operation and service of British officials in the country. It will be agreed that the increasing association of Indians in the government of the country is a pledge which the British Government must implement. Working on a basis of this kind, review of what has been done in the last six years would be helpful. A satisfactory scheme for a further advance cannot be framed unless due recognition is given to the undoubted fact that, whatever its defects have been, the transitional constitution has worked far better than was at one time thought likely. It has given Indian political opinion a power undreamt of a few years ago.

The Rev. H. J. Howden, lately Church Missionary Society, missionary in Western China, has been appointed to the vicarage of Christ Church, Lower Birling, patron, C.P.A.S. Board of Patronage Trust.

TO-DAY'S FETE.

ST. PETER'S CLUB
ATTRACTIONS.

MUSIC, DANCING, CONCERTS.

The Garden Fete organised by the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club in aid of funds for the promotion of a new division of St. John Ambulance Brigade, and funds for the repair of the St. Peter's Church and a Christmas treat to the inmates of the Kowloon Blind Home for Girls, which the public has earnestly looked forward to, is to be held this afternoon in the grounds of the Club's premises at No. 1 Oakland Path.

The Fete is being held at a very appropriate time. Yesterday was a day spent in solemn remembrance of those brave souls who had laid down their lives for our independence which we are enjoying to-day. It will therefore be quite in order for one to enjoy oneself to-day, and there is no better place to spend a happy afternoon than to pay a visit to the Fete.

From a programme received, it will be seen that the St. Peter's Club has been working very assiduously to give the public a thoroughly good time. The principal item is the concert by the well-known and talented "J-Pana." To elaborate on this company of artists would be superfluous. Miss V. Capell is too well known here to need any publicity. So, much said.

The afternoon concert, which will be held at 3.30 p.m. will be given by some of the Colony's well-known amateurs. There will be selections by the "Antidotes," a recitation by Mr. G. W. C. Burnett, Miss Ho will give an exhibition of latest dancing. "On the Road to Mandalay" will also be sung by Mrs. R. Sanger, a Baritone solo, by Mr. C. D. Wright and the other items on the programme are Piano-forte solo, by Miss C. Braga, recitation—"The gentle art of shopping"—by Mrs. Mather and Humorous items by Lieut.-Commander A. S. Beddell, R.N.

The official opening of the Fete will be performed by Mrs. W. T. Southorn, who will be met at the Club's door by the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, after which she will inspect the 5th Hong Kong Troop of Boy Scouts. An address of welcome will be delivered by the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, and it is expected that Mrs. Southorn will reply. After this formality, the fun of the fair begins.

There will be various stalls to cater to the public and it will be a splendid opportunity to do one's Christmas shopping there, for many useful and attractive articles will be found in the stalls.

Stalls and Helpers.
Kicking the Football: Messrs. E. Zimmermann and Birtwistle. Knocking down Pipes: Messrs. Beard and Dyer. Slippery Sam: Messrs. Conrad, A. Lea and C. W. Mitchell. Coconut Shy: Messrs. Edge and C. Lea. Rifle Range: Mr. C. A. Grimes. Toy Stall: Mrs. Earle, Mrs. Shellshear and the Misses F. Wong, H. Yuen, S. Surh, and Mr. S. Jenyns. Sweet Stall: Misses B. Yuen, B. Santos, H. and E. Kew, D. Ellis and Mr. A. E. Perry. Lucky Ring: Misses E. Samy, L. Mackenzie, R. Randall and Mr. J. M. Shroff. Hoopla: Mr. P. Sanda. Mrs. Hunt, Miss Hunt and Mr. Dormer. Flower Stall: Mrs. G. W. R. Griggs, Miss Clark, Mrs. Millar, Miss Leonard, Miss Grimes and Mr. Allan Ng King. Guessing Competition: Mr. W. M. Gittins, Misses J. and G. Ho Tung, the Misses J. Gittins, I. Rapp, K. Rapp and Nancy Leong. Gold Fish Stall: Miss C. Hanson, Miss See Chin, and the Misses Fox, Fish Pond, Mr. E. Lucombe and Mr. John Lang. Squares Stall: Miss W. Cheung, Miss H. Hunt, Miss Gutierrez, and Messrs. A. and S. Cheung. Twenty Cents Stall: Mrs. D. Fok and Misses M. Zimmermann, S. Sue, B. Sue, L. Sue, W. Sue, and Mr. W. Sue. Flower Pot Competition: Mr. F. Grosse and Mr. E. Ho Kwong. Clock Golf: Mr. H. M. Kew, Miss D. Fung and Mr. F. Zimmermann.

The Refreshment Stall will be in the hands of Miss Ruby Mow Fung. She will be assisted by Misses M. White, M. Woolley, M. Kacker, P. Hynes, E. Atkins, W. L. MacKenzie, E. Rodgers, Maude White, K. Grosse, Doris Leung, Minnie Cho, Buckland, E. See Chin, B. Hynes, E. Rodgers, L. Grosse, V. Mackenzie, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Thomas, and Messrs. James Kotewall, Cooper, J. Barrow, J. Bradshaw, G. S. Ladd, S. Chenailley, V. A. Shaw, W. A. Zimmermann, A. Randall, S. C. Ho, Geo. Kotewall and H. G. Kew.

The entertainment and concert committees are—Rev. N. V. Hayward, Mr. W. A. Shea and Messrs. E. G. Stewart, A. Leong, R. Leong, A. Greaves and F. Zimmermann.

The Finance Committees are Messrs. A. E. Lea (treasurer), J. L. Macpherson, H. A. Allen, P. Hawley, E. Randall, Hancox, N. Attaway, A. Peake and A. W. Millar. Other helpers are Mr. G. W. R. Griggs, Mr. Millar, Mr. J. M. Shroff, who are responsible for the erection and construction of the various stalls and other outlays. Misses Leppard and M. Lea will have charge of the sale of Gilt-wares. The Sale of the Cupids will be in charge of Miss P. Hunt. The Miscellaneous Stall is run by Misses M. Yuen, B. Wong, D. Lopes, R. Kong, A. Gutierrez, and Messrs. E. Cunningham and J. Way.

By kind courtesy of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., a special band will play selections on the grounds.

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STOUT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
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The Stout Memorial Hospital is an institution conducted by the American Baptist Mission in the city of Wuchow. For nearly ten years now this Hospital has been housed in the commodious building which it at present occupies, the corner stone of which was laid by Mr. George Banker, who contributed liberally toward the erection of this institution. It has had a continuous history, running day and night, except for the unfortunate period last year when due to the taking over of the Hospital by the military, the institution was unable to minister to the thousands who stand in need of medical treatment. Last October, however, the Mission was able to regain control of the institution and it has been in operation ever since, with ever increasing patronage.

The Stout Memorial Hospital draws for its patronage from the provinces of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Hunan and Kiangsi. A few patients come from other sections, but these are not numerous. In regard to the four provinces named above, the vast majority of the patients are from the first two named. Many come hundreds of miles for treatment. While it is true that most of the patients are Chinese speaking and Chinese reading, many of the better educated and foreign trained go there for medical service. One of the frequent visitors is General Wong Shu-hung and staff, he having been admitted as a patient on several occasions. For these patients and friends of the Hospital, the management endeavours to make things as comfortable and interesting as possible.

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Professor Danenberg sends as from Los Angeles a leaflet regarding his recitals there in company with his young son. We quote from the "Pacific Coast Musician":—

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"In his playing of the second piano, Mr. Danenberg, the father, showed himself an artist of fine discrimination and musicianship."

A STOLEN RIDE.

LEADS TO BOY BEING RUN OVER.

An attempt to steal a ride on a tramcar which was on its way from Causeway Bay to Shaukiwan had serious consequences for a Chinese youth. The lad was warned off the car by the conductor and, on dropping suddenly to ground from the moving car, he was run over by Dr. Kew's motor car. The boy was taken to hospital.

The Club House from 2 p.m. onwards. During the afternoon a special band will play selections on the grounds.

FASCIST REFORM.

REDUCTION IN GRAND
COUNCIL.

BILL TO BE DRAFTED.

Rome, Yesterday. The Grand Fascist Council has decided to reduce the membership of the National Assembly to 400. Great productive and economic organisations will have the right to nominate a certain number of candidates. Only those who, by their services to syndicalism and proved active elements of national life will be entitled to vote. These reforms will be incorporated in a Bill.—Reuter.

DR. W. MARTIN.

ABYSSINIA ENVOY IN
LONDON.

VISITS FOREIGN OFFICE.

Rugby, Yesterday. Doctor Werngh Martin, Envoy-Extraordinary to Abyssinia, on his own initiative visited the Foreign Office to-day and discussed with appropriate officials the matters raised in reports regarding his visit to America. The conversation was of an entirely satisfactory nature. Dr. Martin will shortly leave London on his return to Abyssinia.—British Wireless Service.

SIR W. C. HILLIER.

DEATH ANNOUNCED IN
LONDON.

BORN IN HONG KONG.

London, Yesterday. The death is announced of Sir Walter Caine Hillier.—Reuter. [Sir Walter Caine Hillier, K.C.M.G., C.B., is best known in the Far East as having been the adviser to the Chinese Government from 1908 to 1910. Born in Hong Kong in 1849, he was the son of Mr. C. B. Hillier, at one time British Consul at Bangkok. In 1900 he was appointed military adviser to the Chinese Government and for the services he then rendered was mentioned in dispatches and awarded a medal. Returning to England he became professor of Chinese at King's College, London, from 1904 to 1908. He then returned to China to accept the post of adviser to the Chinese Government.]

KING OF IRAK.

CONFERENCE AT THE FOREIGN
OFFICE.

Rugby, Nov. 11. The King of Irak paid an official visit to the Foreign Office last night and was received by Sir Austen Chamberlain. His Majesty was accompanied by his Prime Minister and the whole question of the relations between the two countries was discussed for about two hours. King Faisal will visit Lancashire on Monday.—British Wireless Service.

AIR MAILS.

SUBSIDY BY THE FRENCH
GOVERNMENT.

The Latecoere Company, a French concern, to which the Government has this week granted a subsidy, has secured the monopoly for the mail and passenger air services between France and South America, in the face of strong competition from Italian, German, and Spanish air lines. The "Journal Officiel" states that the Latecoere Company, which carries mail as well as passengers from Toulouse to Casablanca, in Morocco, has received the Government's sanction to organise an air line from Toulouse to Buenos Aires. The total distance is approximately 7,000 miles. The mails take three weeks to reach Buenos Aires by steamer. The French air line undertakes to deliver them in seven days.

Exciting scenes were witnessed in Aldgate High Street, London, when the police chased two men alleged to have thrown pepper in the face of Mr. R. K. Field, who trades under the name of P. Greenbaum & Sons, Jewellers, of 27 High Street, and to have got away with a number of rings, valued at \$1,500. One man was caught, but the other got away. Most of the rings were recovered.

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WAR MEMORIES.

MEMBERS OF THE 1914-1918 STRUGGLE.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S DINNER.

Armistice Day dinner organised by the ex-Active Service Men's Association at Volunteer Headquarters last night provided opportunity for the many who attended to exchange memories of service during the years of war.

There was a record attendance and the playing of many favourite war tunes by the band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, the choruses being lustily joined in provided just the touch of informality which was needed to ensure the proceedings going with a real swing.

The gathering was representative of all branches of the Service during the war and reference was made to the co-operation between them which in no small measure was responsible for a successful issue.

Among those present was His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern.

Lieut.-Col. F. Hayley Bell, President of the Association presided. Others present were:—

Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., Col. C. Russell Brown, D.S.O., Major R. A. Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., M.C., Lieut.-Col. W. C. F. Russell, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. R. G. Clarke, C.M.G., D.S.O., Col. Sir Victor Mackenzie, B.L., D.S.O., M.V.O., Major J. Macdonald, D.S.O., Major F. C. Roberts, V.C., D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., Squadron Commander Macpherson, Capt. Whyte, A.D.C., Lieut. R. Q. F. Johnson, A.D.C., to the G.O.C., Paymaster Commander H. Rogers, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Hon. Mr. F. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., Mr. J. W. Franks, Mr. J. H. Seth, Mr. H. J. Pearce and Mr. J. E. Mackenzie, Vice-Presidents of the Association, Mr. E. S. Carter, chairman, E.A.S.M.A., Mr. C. L. Edwards, vice-chairman, and Mr. R. J. Hunt, Hon. Secretary.

A solemn moment during the dinner was that during which the Company stood in silent memory of those who gave their lives during the War, the Last Post and Reveille being sounded by buglers.

The Services.

The toast of the services was proposed by Commander C. B. Hartford, R.N. (retired) who said that although memories of the war were growing dim there was one thing which stood out as much as ever it did and of which the gathering present that night was a magnificent illustration, and that was the sense of comradeship, mutual understanding and respect which existed between the sister services. This was due to a great extent to their mutual co-operation during the war (applause). The sense of comradeship would remain with them during the remainder of their lives and be ventured to predict that this comradeship would pass on to those succeeding them.

Replying on behalf of the Navy, Commodore Pearson spoke of the black outlook for the country at the termination of hostilities and of the spirit of determination which had enabled them to surmount the various difficulties presented. This was the spirit which had enabled them to carry on during the trying years of the war and so long as it characterised the endeavours of all who were working for the Empire they need have no fear as to the future.

Col. Russell Brown, in the absence of Major-General C. C. Luard replying on behalf of the Army, delivered a very racy speech and assured them of the keen interest taken by the General, whose wife and daughter had that day arrived from England, in the activities of the Association and thanked the Association on behalf of the military guests for the hospitality extended.

"Old Soldiers."

In proposing the toast of the visitors, Mr. C. L. Edwards, vice-chairman of the Association, said that during the war there was a saying that old soldiers never died. If the gathering was representative of old soldiers then it took them an extraordinary long time to fade away (laughter). He thought the gathering was a record one, not only in attendance but by the distinguished company of guests. They were honoured by the presence of H.E. the Officer Administering the Government. That was a signal honour on that red letter day because they could say they had entertained the highest in the Colony. There were also present members of that elusive force, the Shanghai Defence Force, which came out and found it had to sleep on concrete floors. As ex-Service men, the gathering could appreciate what the Shanghai had had to put up with when they first arrived (laughter).

After a few personal reminiscences, the speaker gave the toast of the "Visitors" which was heartily received.

His Excellency's Speech.

Replying on behalf of the guests, His Excellency spoke with appreciation of the generosity and kindness of the Association and regretted the absence from the gathering of H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi. If he was not there in the flesh he was sure he was there in the spirit and would wish to say how much Sir Cecil had the welfare of the Association

The fellowship formed during the war was different to any fellowship which existed in the British Empire. It was the privilege of associations like the E.A.S.M.A. to keep alive and strengthen that fellowship and see that it never died. To many of them the war was the greatest event of their lives and Armistice Day was a landmark of that long drawn out agony. It was well that they should join together once each year and commemorate that day—commemorate it with prayer and with thanksgiving—prayer for the future of lessons learned and thanksgiving for the mercies of the past and for the Armistice Day that brought the war to a close.

They had learned during those four years of hostilities the lesson that war with all its horrors could produce forms of friendship which united all men in great and glorious endeavour. But they had also to remember that victories did not only belong to war. The victories of peace had in many cases yet to be won and unless they continued those same bonds of friendship and co-operation which helped them to win the war they would never succeed in winning the victories of peace. In peace as in war, petty jealousies and personal ambitions which would wreck any campaign had to be put aside.

Local Association's Work.

In this beautiful island of Hong Kong hardships had been suffered in the troublous days of peace. There were few who had not have felt the pinch during those troubled times. It was in such times that an Association such as the E.A.S.M.A. could prove its worth. It had many claims on its generosity and those claims had been met.

Proposing the toast of the organisation H.E. said the Association was inspired by the highest ideals—ideals which he had not the slightest doubt that the officers and members would keep ever in view, and so long as they kept them in view the Association would continue to flourish. Its activities were manifold and wonderful.

In reply, Lieut.-Col. Hayley Bell referred to the amount of ground that had been covered during the war by the members who were present that evening. There were 450 members of the Association representing 96 units. Almost every regiment in the Army was represented, together with men from the Dominions and Colonies and also from that great unit of the British Empire, the Mercantile Marine (Applause).

They had been able with some success to help ex-Servicemen down on their luck, and they tried very hard to keep up the spirit, bred during the war. Armistice Day was the great day of the year and they made something of it. He thought that although they had 450 members they should have more.

Concluding, he proposed the toast of the Hon. Mr. Southern which was honoured with enthusiasm, H.E. the Officer Administering the Government briefly replying.

An excellent musical programme was provided by the band of the 2nd Battalion the King's Own Scottish Borderers, conducted by Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M., and by Messrs. T. G. Petersen, H. E. Gardner-Andrews, P. A. Green, R. Dormer and Vic. Blundell.

CINEMA NOTES.

"THE MAGICIAN" NEXT WEEK.

"The Magician," a powerful story from the pen of Somerset Maugham, author of "The Painted Veil," "Rain" and other well-known books, will be screened at the Queen's Theatre next week, as announced in a special advertisement appearing in this issue. The picture was produced in Europe by Rex Ingram, the man who made "The Four Horsemen," "Mare Nostrum," and "Scaramouche" and it is in every way a masterly production.

The popular American star, Alice Terry, a noted German actor, Paul Wegener, and a handsome young Serbian play the leading roles, the two men as magician and surgeon, respectively, fighting for the soul of the girl. The action of the story is very thrilling and the settings, including many famous beauty and historical spots in Europe, are most effective.

TO-DAY'S FILMS.

Cinema-goers have their last opportunity this evening of seeing three excellent pictures—Gloria Swanson's entertaining society love story "The Untamed Lady," at the Queen's Theatre; Lon Chaney's remarkable production, "He Who Gets Slapped," at the World Theatre; and Pola Negri's "The Spanish Dancer" at the Star Theatre. The programme at the Queen's Theatre includes the latest Felix comedy, "Felix Busts Into Business."

TO-MORROW'S GAZETTES.

The topical gazette, at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow includes a canoe trip to the "Niagara" of the Philippines, Helen Wills defeating Betty Nuthall in a tennis championship match, and the latest craze of dog racing in Mexico. The topical gazette at the World Theatre presents some thrilling air stunts by a German airwoman, a Hawaiian volcanic eruption and glimpses of the Hawaiian country after the

NO WAR FOR US.

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The Soldier Is Last.

With doubtful elements around them, the crack Kuominchun divisions could not go further. This week saw the Fengtien expedition back to where it had started and the Kuominchun in possession of territory it had lost and recaptured.

The psychology of the Chinese private soldier, simple as are his needs and outlook, is impossible to analyse.

The Nationalists claim to be the most enlightened section of Chinese. In one of their federations of "all classes of the people," the sections are ranked in the following order:—

Farmers,
Labourers,
Merchants,
Students,
Soldiers.

Feelings Akin to Contempt.

When such "all the public" organisations were started in Canton in 1925, the soldiers were not even mentioned. In the old days, when official positions were reached through competitive examinations, the list was:—

Scholars (not students),
Farmers,
Labourers,
Merchants.

Trade has for hundreds of years been a handicap in Chinese social life; but the warrior was viewed with feelings akin to contempt.

Demand Exceeds Supply.

Privates of Republican days were recruited at \$6 a month and even a General's pay is extremely small, although rates have been increased. To make matters worse, the pay has always been in arrears, sometimes to the extent of a year or two.

In consequence, the soldier has to resort to looting. Those of his victims who had no alternative also took up arms to earn a living. So far the demand for fighting men has exceeded the supply. China's armies have grown and grown until now nobody knows how many men carry rifles and wear uniform. The total must exceed 500,000 and 1,000,000 may be nearer the mark.

Happiness a Handicap.

One is led to think that a Chinese soldier fights best when he has regular meals and a little pocket money. To be happy, he must be in a unit that has substantial income at its disposal.

Such income is obtained by levies on the land. Should a horde of hungry rivals with necessarily poor equipment and no supplies approach, it is logical to expect victory to lie with those who are fighting to keep what they hold.

In the South at least, the contrary has proved to be the rule rather than the exception.

Like the Proverbial Brook.

When a soldier has a little nest-egg hidden away somewhere, he loses the inclination of fighting to make a little more money. Several war lords who ruled Canton with a mailed fist were easily overthrown merely because their men had become rich and thought the risk not worth while any longer.

Has anybody ever heard of systematic provision in China for prisoners of war? There has never been any need for such. The victorious General, wishing to extend his scope further, takes the defeated men into his command and so each unit, like the proverbial brook, runs on for ever.

Reverses, or even disgrace, matter not. A bidder will invariably turn up for the services of a group of men with rifles.

Bought in a Moment.

Till the advent of the Whampoa Cadets (who were soldiers led and trained by Russians), anybody with money could raise a following in Canton. Agents negotiated with batches of defeated soldiers who had taken to the hills and turned bandits, and as soon as a few days' pay and food were forthcoming, a miniature army was ready to do one's beckoning.

Even the famous Whampoa Cadets could not last. When others became familiar with their methods, preparation was made to counter their shock tactics and their sting was ineffective.

Too Weak to Fight.

The anti-war soldiery of China can be divided into three classes, according to the cause underlying their motives.

In the North, both on the Fengtien and Kuominchun army lists are Generals who have been hounded from place to place because their commands had origin in banditry and were not reliable. Better material is available. Each time a stronger force, friend or foe—draws near, the weak Generals have to make way. They fear that in time they may be driven into places which are too poor to support them. Their men are too weak to fight.

but wish to remain soldiers, as they have no other means of livelihood.

And Too Rich.

Going to the other extreme, there are the units which have become too rich to fight. The Fengtien Army, admittedly the most soundly trained and the best equipped fighting machine in China, has been notoriously ineffective inside the Great Wall. Outside the Great Wall, i.e., in their native Manchuria, the Fengtien troops have achieved wonders.

Writing from memory, I think that the only notable victory of the Fengtien Army in China Proper was gained last year when the "Christian General" was driven from Peking, but other armies were allied with Fengtien. During a period of comparative peace in Fengtien, the Manchurian soldiers have had an easy existence and are, therefore, reluctant to venture on ambitious expeditions away from home.

Also the Too Tired.

Then there are the armies which are now too tired to fight any longer. Such are found in the Northern camp under Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and also in the Nationalist barracks at Nanking. The men in these have marched long distances over trying territory, have stormed impregnable positions without an artillery support, and have fought in snow with only a singlet and a tunic of cloth. In the North of Kiangsu province, the Nationalists and the Northerners have been literally peeping in to each other's tents for months but neither side has been able to dislodge the other because it is too weary to strike another blow.

Should the anti-war armies succeed in upholding their policy, China will have more soldiers than ever and these soldiers will enjoy the unique distinction of being able to draw pay without ever having to think of active service.

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and papers from the United King-
dom.In connection with the coming
motor show in Paris, the L.N.E.R.
in co-operation with the Southern
Railway, have arranged for cheap
15-day excursion bookings from
the principal towns on their system
to Paris via London.In order that the L.N.E.R.
Wembley Exhibition Station may
be more closely associated with the
events held in the Stadium, the
L.N.E.R. announce that the name of
this station will be altered to
"Wembley Stadium."Eleven pieces from a shattered
meteor which crashed into a
tree in the Umatilla National For-
est, Walla Walla, Washington,
severed the tree 40 feet above the
ground and set it on fire. Forest
rangers rushed to the spot, ex-
tinguished the blaze and collected
the fragments.The Hupah Education Bureau
has sent a petition to the Wuhan
Political Council asking that a
further order be issued forbidding
troops from occupying the build-
ings of the various schools in Wu-
han. The petition says that in
spite of repeated orders the sol-
diers still refuse to move out from
the schools. The Education
Bureau also asks for funds for the
reopening of the government
schools and colleges in Wuhan.Fiscal Guillermo Guevara of
Manila believes there is sufficient
evidence to bring to light the so-
called "third party" in the forgery
cases involving Pases 200,001, the
amount on two cheques cashed
some time ago on the Bank of the
Philippine Islands in favour of the
San Carlos Milling Company. He
thinks he is sure there is another
"get-rich-quick-Wallingford" in the
scheme besides Wilson and
Dolores. His identity, however,
will depend upon how the trial
against Wilson and Dolores pro-
gresses.The Admiralty have just placed
orders for two minesweepers em-
braced in this year's Navy pro-
gramme. According to the "Ship-
building and Shipping Record,"
both vessels are to be built and
engineered by Hawthorn, Leslie, & Co.
(Ltd.) of Newcastle-on-Tyne. These
two minesweepers take the place
in the programme of four
motor launches which were to have
been laid down last year. The new
vessels are of an experimental type,
combining the qualities of sloops
and minesweepers.The Prince of Wales, represent-
ing the King, attended the funeral
service held for Countess Torby at
the Russian Church in Buckingham
Palace Road, London.Dr. T. Baty, Legal Adviser to
the Japanese Foreign Office, who is
on furlough in Europe, arrived in
London on October 11, and will be
for some weeks at 33, Kildare
Terrace, W.On the centenary of the death of
Rev. Robert Pollok, the Scottish
Milton, a laurel wreath was placed
on his grave at Old Millbrook
Cemetery, Southampton, by Scottish
and English admirers.Mr. William Jackson has been
appointed a lay member of the
Church Body of St. John's Cathed-
ral, until the next annual meet-
ing of seatholders and subscribers,
vice Mr. J. A. E. Bukock.Capt. E. I. M. Barrett, who is
skippering the Shanghai team in
the forthcoming Interport matches
on the Hong Kong Cricket Club
ground, arrived in the Colony yester-
day on the P. & O. s.s. "Mace-
donia."Among passengers disembarking
from s.s. "Mantua" yesterday, was
Mr. H. Brooks, Superintendent of
the Hong Kong Fire Brigade, ac-
companied by Mrs. Brooks and
family, from nine months' leave in
England.The Eastern Welcome Club had
their first reunion after the holi-
days in the shape of the customary
monthly luncheon at the Great
Eastern Hotel, on October 4. Mr.
J. Whitby was in the chair and the
proceedings passed off with much
success; the visitors included Mr.
J. P. Entic Knap, of Shanghai, and
Mr. H. E. James, of the Federated
Malay States, who left on the fol-
lowing day for Vancouver. The
Club will hold a dinner and con-
cert in November, and it is rum-
oured that it will soon have a
habitat of its own.Sir Charles Addis, K.C.M.G., was
the subject of an "F.N." portrait in
the "Financial News." Sir Charles
a director of the Bank of England,
was an ardent advocate of the
resumption of our Gold Standard.
Has served on the Cunliffe Cur-
rency Committee, 1918-19; Indian
Currency, 1920; and was British
representative on the Dawes Com-
mittee. In addition to being chair-
man of the London Committee of
the "Hong Kong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation," he holds
several important directorships of
companies trading with the
East, including shipping and tele-
graph companies.It is notified that the collec-
tions at Union Church to-morrow,
both morning and evening, will be
given to the Poppy Day Fund.The public examination in
bankruptcy of Mr. Francisco
Xavier dos Remedios will take
place at the Supreme Court on
Saturday, November 19.A charity concert, in aid of
Dr. Barnardo's Homes, under the
auspices of the St. Andrew's (2nd
Hong Kong) Troop of Boy Scouts
will be held in the St. Andrew's
Church Hall on Saturday, 19th
Inst., commencing at 9 p.m.The proprietor of the Yee
Hing Jewellery Shop at 107, Wing
Lok Street, made a report to the
Police yesterday that on Thursday
night, some thieves cut away a
glass in his show window and stole
from the show-case 21 watches,
valued at \$150.A capital variety entertain-
ment was given by the "Thracians"
at the Royal Naval Canteen
Theatre last evening. It was the
debut of the party in Hong Kong.
They repeat their concert this
evening. A part of the proceeds
from each performance is being
devoted to charity.The sloop "Verbena" has com-
pleted her rest and is ordered to
commission on October 28 for ser-
vice in African waters. She will
be commanded by Commander L. G.
Ingham, formerly Fleet Gunner
Officer in the flagship "Hawkins"
in China.The corpse of a Chinese was
found in the Wayside district of
Shanghai on Nov. 4 by C.P.C. 975,
attached to the Wayside police sta-
tion. It appeared from the wounds
on the body of the deceased, he
was shot through the throat and
breast. Communist and labour
publications were found in his
hand.Three Communist headquar-
ters in Pootung have been raided
and attached by the Chinese mili-
tary recently. About 20 people
were arrested on the premises or in
connection with Bolshevik opera-
tions, including two leaders. A
number of official documents, let-
ters exchanged between them and
other Red organs, were seized.While performing on a tight rope
above a cage of lions in a mena-
gerie at Nantes a young acrobat
named Lancelotti suddenly lost his
balance and fell into the cage.
One of the lions immediately poun-
ced on him. The lion tamer beat
the animals off and the acrobat
was taken to hospital in a dan-
gerous condition.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. Hastings Rhodes, of Messrs.
Logan and Ross, solicitors, who
went to Dell for the benefit of his
health, has returned to Penang.Dr. F. H. McDowell, Lecturer on
Organic Chemistry at London Uni-
versity has been appointed dairy
research chemist at the New Zea-
land Massey Memorial Agricultural
College.Dr. John Beattie, professor to the
Zoological Society, London, and re-
search assistant and demonstrator
of Anatomy at University College,
London, has been appointed Assis-
tant Professor of Anatomy at
McGill University, Montreal, Cana-
da.Mr. and Mrs. J. Mowbray Jones
celebrate their silver wedding, to-
day (Saturday). Mr. J. Mowbray
Jones is the manager for Messrs.
W. A. Hannibal & Co., in Canton.
Mrs. Jones is the sister of Mr. Leo
d'Almada e Castro, the well-known
solicitor. The marriage took place
in Hong Kong. Mr. Norman
Farrers, barrister-at-law, acting as
"best man."The Premier of Newfoundland
has informed the Cabinet that he
proposed to resign the Premiership
shortly, and he suggested that they
should arrange a reconstructed
Cabinet, after which he would
withdraw, although he was pre-
pared to retain his seat in the As-
sembly and to support the recon-
structed Ministry until the dissolu-
tion, when he will relinquish politi-
cal life.Prince George flew from London
to Paris on September 15 as an
ordinary passenger in an Imperial
Airways liner. The machine left
Croydon at 4.30, and flying against
a strong head wind arrived at Le
Bourget at 7.33. This is the second
time Prince George has flown
across the Channel, his previous
flight being in a Handley-Page
Napier machine from Paris to
London on June 20 last.Viscount Bearsted unveiled, on
October 9, a memorial tablet affixed
to a bed at the Zeligman Con-
valescent Home of the "Achel Brith
of the Shield of Abraham." The
Friendly Society at Shopwell,
Etinghamham. The cost of endow-
ing the bed was subscribed by the
Sir Marcus Samuel Lodge of the
Order, the lodge having been spon-
sored by Lord Bearsted's father
over 25 years ago. Tributes to the
benevolence of the late Lord Bear-
sted were paid, and "acknowledg-
ing the kind references to his late
father, Lord Bearsted, promised to
become initiated soon as an hono-
rary member of the lodge, and to
endeavour to take a part in its very
useful work."A message from Metz says a
military aeroplane occupied by two
officers, Bouthos and Grassau, fell
in flames while carrying out exer-
cises at Sarreguemines. Both air-
men were burnt to death.The Not Forgotten Associa-
tion held its forty-fourth garden
party at Buckingham Palace on
September 15, when 150 men, all
in the blue uniform of military hos-
pitals, had tea and played games
in the grounds.There have been several com-
plaints from people of the
nuisance and annoyance caused by
loud speakers outside certain shops,
and the West Ham Council has ob-
tained Home Office sanction for a
by-law to deal with the matter.A plasterer was driving his car
into Kuala Pilah when he was un-
fortunate enough to knock down a
Malay boy, aged four years, who
was crossing the road. He took
him to the Kuala Pilah Hospital,
where the boy died three hours
after admission.Bitten by a fish which jumped
into his motor boat while he was
crossing Albert Dock, Wallasey,
William Bennett, flatman, Connahs
Quay, collapsed. His arms and
legs became paralysed, and he went
blue in the face. He was treated
at hospital, where later he was re-
ported to be recovering from
wounds of a poisonous nature.
Bennett was bitten when he picked
the fish up from the bottom of the
boat. The fish is being preserved
for inspection.A new £1,000,000 newspaper
company, Edward Lloyd Invest-
ment Co. (Ltd.), has been register-
ed. Jordon & Sons (Ltd.) state
that the object is to "acquire
upon the terms of an ar-
rangement with Allied News-
papers (Ltd.), certain shares of
Edward Lloyd (Ltd.), and to carry
on business as proprietors, printers,
and publishers of newspapers,
journals, magazines, books, &c."
The capital is in £1 shares, and
the company is public.Before Mr. C. T. Peall in the
Fourth Court, Singapore, a Euro-
pean named Joseph Postana was
summoned for giving false evi-
dence to a public servant. Accused
was alleged to have stated to a
Corporal at the Geylang Police Sta-
tion that he had given \$130 to a
woman named Chichah binte Hus-
sein to keep for him. It is alleged
by the complainant that the ac-
cused never gave her the money
but visited her during the absence
of her husband and attempted to
make advances to her which she
resented. The case was postponed.The marriage arranged between
Henry Alexander Rofe and Mar-
guerite Browne, of 91, Comeragh
Road, London, W.14, will take
place at Penang on December 8.The Venetian poet Signor Achille
Furlan has been sentenced to
seventeen months imprisonment on
a charge of having composed anti-
Fascist verses. He is 76 years of
age.Among passengers for Hong
Kong by the "Macedonia" yester-
day were Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Maze,
Mr. A. Brook, Baroness Sadoina,
Mr. Nickoll, Mr. G. Johnston, Mr.
M. Barno and Mr. G. M. Kinmont.Baby Freda Mary Page, of
Middlesbrough, is the fifth genera-
tion of her family still living. She
has a mother, Mrs. Hannah Page,
aged 20; a grandfather, James
Stevenson, 42; a great-grand-
mother, Mrs. Kate Stevenson, 61,
and a great-great-grandmother,
Mrs. Rebecca Honeyman, 85. When
she was born she had two great-
great-grandmothers. Her great-
grandfather, Jack Stevenson, aged
68, lost his mother recently.The "London Gazette" of Octo-
ber 7 notifies the following:—For-
eign office Appointments: The King
has appointed the following:—P.
Grain, of the Middle Temple, Bar-
rister-at-Law, Assistant Judge of
His Majesty's Supreme Court for
China, to be Judge of His Ma-
jesty's Supreme Court for China;
and G. W. King, O.B.E., of Gray's
Inn, Barrister-at-Law, to be Assis-
tant Judge of His Majesty's
Supreme Court for China (June
16).Lu Cheng-hsiang, formerly
Prime Minister of China, was on
October 8 admitted a member of
the St. Benoît section of the Bene-
dictines at the Abbaye de St.
André, near Bruges. It is under-
stood that he has taken this step
in pursuance of a promise made to
his late wife, a Belgian. Many
distinguished Chinese came to see
the last of their compatriot on his
renunciation of the world, among
them being the Chinese Ministers
in Brussels, Paris and Lisbon. Lu
Cheng-hsiang began his career as
Secretary at the Chinese Legation
at Petrograd. In 1908 he was Chi-
nese Minister to the Netherlands,
and in 1911 returned to Petrograd
as Ambassador. In 1912 he was
recalled to China to become Minis-
ter of Foreign Affairs of the new
Chinese Republic. During the next
seven years he more than once held
the post of Prime Minister. In
1914 he was Special Ambassador
to Brussels and Paris. During
the peace negotiations in 1918 he
was chief of the Chinese delega-

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1ST DIVISION.

Kick off 4.15 p.m.

K.O.S.B. v. Hong Kong Club, Sookumpoo.
Chinese Athletic v. Scots Guards, Club Ground, Valley.
Recreio v. R.A., Kings Park.
Queen's Regt. v. Kowloon Chatham Road, U.S. Ground.
R.A.F. v. South China, Kowloon A.F.C. Ground.

JUNIOR DIVISION A.

Kick off 2.45 p.m.

R.A. v. K.O.S.B., Sookumpoo.
Kowloon v. South China A., Kowloon.
South China v. Recreio, Kings Park.
St. Joseph's v. Hong Kong Club Res. Valley.
University v. Chinese Athletic, Club Ground.

JUNIOR DIVISION B.

Kick off 2.45 p.m.

*Kick off 4.15 p.m.

Kung Woo v. St. Josephs, Yaumatei.
Kowloon v. South China, Kowloon.
South China v. Chinese Athletic, Cnr. Hill.
Moslems v. Boy's Scouts, Valley.*

Coming to the more serious work of the League to-day, the programme is a most attractive one. The Athletic, who are making history, hope to be at full strength, their only weak point being the reserve player, Lau Man (who should have been promised against the R.A.) should the ex-Swallow player not be available. The Guards have a great chance to rehabilitate themselves, by giving of their best, against most worthy opponents. This should be a fine game with the gates, as usual, closed before the kick off, and with the Chinese Athletic starting warm favourites.

The other Hong Kong game is at Sookumpoo, where the Kossies meet the Hong Kong Club, which latter will play the same team that did so well against the Scots Guards, with the exception that Scott, who has been standing down owing to an injury, will probably appear and strengthen the side. There should be very little in this game at the finish, but the Kossies' superiority at forward (at present) should stand them in good stead and secure them at least a division of the points.

At Kowloon there is a bewildering problem, at three good games take place within half a mile of one another, at the same time, and local support will greatly influence the attendances at the several matches. The game at King's Park between the Recreio and R.A. will be a hot one all the way, but Recreio, who have been resting for a couple of weeks, will be a very hard lot to subdue, and on the form they showed against the Scots Guards should manage to get full points.

At the Regimental Ground at Chatham Road there will be a great match, Kowloon are steadily coming along, and to-day are playing a new right back. The Queen's, although still lacking the assistance of Woodards, have been further strengthened by the arrival of new players this week, and will field a strong side. Fresh from their record goal scoring feat of last week, they will require a lot of stopping. The Queen's should win, but they will not do it easily.

UNITED SERVICES v. CIVILIANS.

Fine Football at the Valley.

A large crowd was present on the Club ground yesterday when strong teams representative of the United Services and Civilians opposed each other in fine weather, the match providing some exceedingly clever football.

The Services team lined out as selected, but Brittain (Police) took the place of Lam Yuk Ying (Athletic) at left half, and Bishop (Club) deputised for Lai Yuk Tat (Athletic) at left back for the Civilians.

Right from the kick off the exchanges were interesting, both sets of backs being kept busy and the Civilians had difficulty in clearing their lines. McClinchey and Alexander, the Kossies' left wing, got busy very early. The Civilians, however, were the first to score as a slip by a Service defender let Pile away on the right who centred accurately and Gosano, lying handy, completed the movement with a fine goal.

The game started sensationally Alexander scoring from close range after a scuffle in the Civilians' goal and from this stage the Civilians appeared to fall away, the Services forward line giving a fine exhibition of short sharp passing. From a clever movement Leach scored the Services' third goal. Restarting the Civilians attacked through Brown and Suen Kum-shun. But Avery was safe. Good efforts by Gosano were well dealt with by the goal keeper. Sims next scored for the Services with a fast low placed shot which was deflected past Pau by one of the defenders, next Leach scored a goal started by Northey on the right wing. The Civilians' hesitancy in front of goal spoilt many good chances, and the Services again took up the attack and Northey, going through on his own scored a capital goal. Time was called with the Services easy winners by six goals to one.

Comment.
The game was a good one, although in the second half the Services, particularly forward, were much more together and the spectators were treated to some really clever work. As an Interport Trial it was disappointing. Service players in the Interport games are limited to three, so the majority of the Hong Kong Interport side must be selected from Civilian sources. Six of the Civilian team (Wynne, Bishop, Remedios, Brown, Gosano and Suen) represented Hong Kong last year against Shanghai in the Interport, and whilst too much notice cannot be taken of one particular match, it must be admitted that the Civilian side was disappointing. This was probably due largely to the fine display of the Services.

Gosano alone played up to reputation amongst the forwards, but he was closely watched. Stewart and Brittain worked hard against their clever opponents, whilst Wynne and Bishop were below form and at times overwhelmed. Pau Ka-ping is clever, and had very little chance with the goals.

The Services played with the combination of a good Club team, McClinchey and Alexander came right back to form from the start of the match, this wing being a clever one, a fine understanding existing. Leach played one of his best games, his feeding of the inside men being fine and his anticipation showing the mark of class. Northey jumped right into public favour with a rattling display and was a constant source of trouble to the Civilians' defence. With his partner he served up some very pretty football. Sims was the best half back on the field in all round clever half back play, and Aird was steady as a rock.

The backs on occasions were shaky, and Avery was not given much opportunity to show his real worth, although he dealt very neatly with a couple of efforts close in from Gosano. The Services are to be congratulated on their display.

—Rover.

INTERPORT TRIALS.

First Game on Thursday Next.

The first of a series of Interport practice games will be played on the H.K.F.C. ground on Thursday next, 17th instant. Kick off, 4.30 p.m.

A selected team will play the Borderers.

The following have been chosen: Pau Ka-ping (China Ath.); Wynne (Police); and Lai Yuk-tat (China Ath.); C. F. Remedios (Club de Recreio); Simms (R.A.M.C.); and Kowloon; and Lam Yuk-ying (China Ath.); McLeach (Scots Guards); Silva and Gosano (Club de Recreio); Suen Kum-shun (China Ath.) and Rev. Alexander (K.O.S.B.).

GOLF.

Y.M.C.A.'S FIRST WIN OVER KOWLOON.

Chiefly by reason of some capital golf during the morning when in the singles they won six of the nine matches, the Y.M.C.A. golf team defeated the Kowloon Golf Club representatives by 114 points to 62 points in an inter-club competition yesterday.

Results—
Y.M.C.A. K.G.C.
F. Lickley 0 F. E. Remedios 1
J. D. Thompson 1 J. O. McLaggan 0
W. S. Hillier 1/2 F. X. Remedios 1/2
J. H. Austin 1 W. J. Carroll 0
J. H. Hunt 1 G. Pouchon 0
C. R. F. John 1 W. E. Orchard 0
son 1 1/2 J. Dixon 1
V. C. Labrum 0 C. M. Alves 0
W. Hyde 1 J. C. Long 0
R. Sapsed 1
8%
Foursomes
Lickley & Thompson F. E. Remedios & son 0
F. X. Remedios & son 2
Hunt & Austin 2 Carroll 0
Hunt & Thompson 0 Orchard 2
Labrum & Dixon 2
Hyde & Alves 0
4%
Singles 2%
Total 114% Total 62%

INTERPORT CRICKET.

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The Rest.	
The scores were as follows:	
Sheppard, c Baker, b Allison	20
Reed, b Stokes	9
Smith, b Allison	0
Quinn, b Allison	5
Norman, c Quayle, b Isaacs	17
Rogerson, did not bat	0
Carr, b C. E. Ollerdesen	14
Moss-Blundell, c Linguard, b Isaacs	16
Goodwin, b Isaacs	1
Billings, b Ollerdesen	2
Stewart, not out	9
Extras	95
Total	95

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Isaacs	12.5	4	19	3
Stokes	10	1	21	1
Allison	11	1	17	3
C. E. Ollerdesen	3	1	5	—
T. Madar	3	1	5	—
Barrett	1	—	1	—

SPORTS DIARY.

TO-DAY.

Hockey.—Waseda University v. Hong Kong Hockey Club, King's Park.

Cricket.—Division I: Civil Service v. Chinese (F); Kowloon v. Royal Artillery (F). Division II: Navy v. Hong Kong C.C. seconds (F); Kowloon v. Civil Service (F).

Football.—Senior Division: Queen's v. Kowloon; Recreio v. R.A.; Chinese Athletic v. Scots Guards; Air Force v. S. China; K.O.S.B. v. Club Junior "A"; Royal Artillery v. K.O.S.B.; Kowloon v. South China "A"; South China "B" v. Recreio; St. Joseph's v. Club; University v. Chinese Ath. Junior "B"; Kung Woo v. St. Joseph's; Kowloon v. China "A"; South China "B" v. Chinese Ath.; Moslems v. Boy Scouts.

Interport XI.

T. Madar, retired	28
Stokes, c Sheppard, b Carr	15
Barrett, retired	39
Quayle, retired	33
Hegarty, b Billings	1
Linguard, b Carr	1
Baker, c Quinn, b Reed	10
C. E. Ollerdesen, c Billings, b Carr	14
Allison, retired	31
Isaacs, not out	3
Extras	17
Total	189

Bowling Analysis.	
	O. M. R. W.
Carr	17.1 4 55 3
Reed	13 2 51 1
Billings	9 1 39 —
Quinn	6 — 25 —

Friendly Matches.

Friendly matches between the Civil Service and the Royal Engineers and the Craigengower and Police resulted in a draw in both cases when the games were at an interesting stage. Stumps were drawn in falling darkness.

POLICE v. CRAIENGOWER.

For the Police Alexander made a great stand, collecting a sparkling 31 not out and appearing to be standing solid for the rest of the game. Zimmerman made 52 of the Craigengower's 151, but the task set for the Police at the tea interval was too much. In forcing a draw they did well.

They scored 92 for seven wickets, of which Craig made 35 and Alexander 31 not out.

C.S.C.C. v. R.E.

The Civil Service made a good stand against fast bowling with Patterson making a very creditable 66, when he was unfortunately run out by being over-venturesome. Davies and Strange did well also and with the side put out for 159, the R.E. were faced with a formidable task. Stumps were drawn in semi-darkness, when the R.E. team were making a bold bid for the victory, being only 28 runs behind with six wickets down.

UNIVERSITY v. "TAMAR"

The University playing at home defeated a team from H.M.S. "Tamar" by 90 runs. For the winners A. Chan Fook scored 52 runs, Gittins took 3 wickets for 27 and Hiptools 3 for 30. Bradley of H.M.S. "Tamar" carried his bat with 51 to his credit.

K.C.C. v. ARMY II.

In a heavy scoring match at Kowloon C.C. yesterday the Army second team beat the home seconds by 42 runs. For the K.C.C. E. F. Fincher made 64 not out and C. T. Evans scored 50. On the Army side Pte. Everest made 69 and Lieut. Welch 24.

RECREIO v. H.K. ELECTRIC.

On the Club de Recreio ground, King's Park, yesterday a cricket match between the Club and the Hong Kong Electric was played, in the second division of the League, and resulted in a substantial win for the Club, the score being 109 against 42.

INTERPORT TEAM.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—"Sportsman" is wrong when he tries to insinuate that the Selection Committee ought not to be criticised. No selection committee is infallible and the public has every right to voice its opinion in the Press when it disagrees with the choice of such committee. "Sportsman's" attempt at sarcasm in to-day's paper is rather amusing. He might be interested to know that I, too, am a Hong Kong boy and that it is my view that there is nothing wrong with the tone of that last paragraph in "Critic's" letter. I don't think it is either "mendicant" or "savours of begging" in the least.

In conclusion I should like to state, Sir, that I agree with the other correspondents and contributors to the Press that Mr. Fincher fully deserves a place in the team, and I am glad there are those who have challenged the selection Committee's action in excluding a player who is certainly entitled to a place for Hong Kong in the big matches next week.

Yours, etc.,
Fulk Play.

YACHTING.

RESULT OF MENAGERIE RACE.

In beautifully fine weather, a steady breeze keeping interest alive throughout, the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club held a menagerie race yesterday afternoon, nine helmsmen turning out and "Lola" winning by just under two minutes on corrected time from "Gael".

The course was to Lyemun Beach (P), Channel Rocks (P), mark on line (S), Cuck Rock Gas Buoy (S) finish across the line east to west in front of the Yacht Club, the total distance being about 6.4 miles.

Began at 2.45 p.m. the first yacht to cross the line was Diana, which was, however, disqualified after fouling both Channel Rocks and the Mark Boat. Pierrette, also fouled the Mark Boat and lost second place thereby.

The yachts crossed the line in the following order:	
Finishing Time.	Corrected Time.
Diana (D)	4.07.3
La Linda	4.06.35
Adele	4.11.31
Lola (1)	4.14.49
Gael (2)	4.15.22
Wings	4.15.38
Pierrette (D)	4.15.56
Alisa	4.16.20
Viking (8)	4.18.14
	4.19.05

RACING.

TOTALISATORS ON HOME COURSES.

Rugby, Nov. 10.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Winston Churchill, asked what were the intentions of the Government regarding the introduction of legislation to enable totalisator machines to be erected on race courses, replied that the Government had considered the report of the Jockey Club Committee and had decided that if a private members' bill authorising the establishment of totalisators on race courses was introduced during next session and obtained a second reading on a free vote of the House of Commons, they would endeavour to provide facilities for its adoption.—British Wireless Service.

HOCKEY.

WASEDA BEATS AN ARMY TEAM.

The Waseda University of Japan defeated a team from the local Forces by three goals to two at the U.S.R.C. ground, Kowloon yesterday afternoon.
The visitors were the first to find the net through Ohkubo, but before half time, matters were levelled by Li-Comdr. Agnew. The University again got ahead by a shot from Ohkubo on the resumption after the interval, but shortly afterwards Pay-Comdr. Webster scored the equaliser. Matters remained thus for some time, until, with finishing time closely approaching, Hirose secured the winning goal for the University.



KING AT CENOTAPH.

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Throughout the whole Empire and in British communities abroad silence was observed. This year for the first time Canberra, the new capital of Australia, was the scene of the Australian celebration.

A party of more than two hundred members of the Old Contemptibles' Association, members of the original British Expeditionary Force in the Great War, observed the two minutes' silence to-day at a spot where they first came into contact with the Germans during the war. Thus yearly since the Armistice, nine years ago, representatives of British soldiers who were in the Battalion of Mons have commemorated it on the spot they themselves made famous.

Historic Broadcast.
Everywhere in Britain as in many other parts of the Empire, Planders poppies sold to aid the funds of the British Legion, were worn in remembrance of those who survived the war only to suffer in death and misfortune from its effects. Last night the Prince of Wales in a moving speech, appealed for this cause. He mentioned that the sale of poppies, which in the first year, 1921, had produced £106,000, had risen annually until last year £435,000—were given. This year he asked for half a million. Poppies are made at a special factory where only disabled ex-servicemen are employed.

To-night during the Remembrance festival at the Albert Hall, the Prince of Wales will give a short address which will be relayed throughout the Empire by short-wave telephony. The United States will also attempt to intercept and relay the speech.—British Wireless Service.

"REMEMBRANCE FESTIVAL"

Prince's Message to Whole Empire.

Rugby, Yesterday.
This evening one of the most impressive celebrations of the armistice is being held. Ten thousand men and women from all parts of the Home country and the overseas Dominions who served in the Great War are assembled in the Albert Hall taking part in the "Remembrance Festival." They are joined in singing the songs that cheered and heartened them during the war.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will deliver an address at the close of the festival.
The proceedings will be broadcast to the British Empire from Chelmsford and to the British Isles from Davenport. For the first time the Prince of Wales is sending a message which may be heard by all British subjects throughout the world.

At the same time an even greater gathering, which is taking place in Hyde Park, will celebrate the occasion in a similar manner and listen to the broadcast of the Prince's speech.

Torchlight Procession.
When the Albert Hall meeting ends the audience will form a procession, marshalled by the British Legion, and march to the Cenotaph. A thousand torches will be borne in procession, which will be led by the Bands of the Grenadier and Irish Guards. The contingent from Hyde Park will swell the numbers of the pilgrimage. At the Cenotaph a simple ceremony will take place and a wreath will be laid on behalf of ex-Servicemen and women of the British Empire. The trumpeters of the Life Guards, Royal Horse Guards, and Tenth Hussars will sound "The Last Post" and "Reveille," after which the hymn, "Abide with Me," and the National Anthem will conclude this great tribute of the war veterans.—British Wireless Service.

At the Albert Hall.

London, Yesterday.
An audience of 10,000, including many ex-Servicemen, were present at the Remembrance Festival in the Albert Hall. An enthusiastic community sang songs popular in war time and the programme was broadcast all over the Empire and to America.

The Prince of Wales, addressing "Old Comrades and Friends," said that Armistice Day was once a day of rejoicing. Now it is a day of remembrance. "If we have to save ourselves and those coming after us from an even more frightful renewal of sufferings of a great war we must by every action and every-day conversation, even by our very thoughts, seek to ensure peace."—Reuter.

PRINCE'S SPEECH.

Not Received in the Colony.
As far as can be gathered, no one locally was able to get (on the wireless) the special Armistice Day speech of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales which was broadcast for the special benefit of the Colonies from Albert Hall, through the Rugby station.

Several local radio enthusiasts maintained a fruitless vigil during the greater part of the night with the result.

UNKNOWN WARRIORS.

Touching Ceremonies.
Paris, Yesterday.
Armistice Day was celebrated in a chilling drizzle. There was a

OUR CABARET.

NEW ITEMS AT THE STAR THEATRE.

"HEY! HEY!" TO-MORROW.

Every item in the revue "Hey! Hey!" with which Mr. Charles Chamier's London vaudeville company, the new Our Cabaret opens its season at the Star Theatre to-morrow night, is new to the Colony. The songs, sketches and dances will therefore have the added charm of novelty, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening may be expected.

Among the sketches to be presented to-morrow night is a clever burlesque dealing with Froth-blowers in the time of Tutankhamen—a theme which it can be imagined gives plenty of scope for the company to display its comedy talent. Another amusing sketch is called "Honeymoon Hall."

The company has returned from the North strengthened in numbers and talent, and in addition it will have the advantage this time of the services of a vivacious comedienne in Miss Muriel Varma who was unable to appear last August owing to illness. Booking for the whole season is now open at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre at the popular admission prices of \$3, \$2 and \$1.

While the New Our Cabaret is at the Star Theatre the movie programme will be limited to one performance at 5.30 daily, with the usual changes of programme during the week. The picture to-morrow and Monday will be Zane Grey's thrilling story of a historic feud, "The Last Man," with Richard Dix and Lois Wilson in the leading roles.

POLICE REPORTS.

"RINGING THE CHANGES" TRICK AGAIN.

ABSCONDING FOKI.

Among police reports made yesterday was that of a Chinese who states that he met two men in Wellington Street, who tricked him to the extent of \$86 by the old trick of "ringing the changes."

A small boy, the son of a lard dealer, was admitted to hospital from severe burns as the result of a pan of boiling fat being upset over him.

The manager of a knitting factory in Nathan Road, Kowloon, reports that a foki who was entrusted with goods to the value of \$225 to take over to Hong Kong absconded with the goods in question.

NEW TREATY.

FRANCE AND YUGO-SLAVIA SIGN.

GERM OF NEW LOCARNO.

Paris, Yesterday.
M. Briand and M. Marinovich (the Yugoslav Foreign Minister) signed the Franco-Yugoslav Treaty of friendship and Arbitration at the Quai D'Orsay this afternoon.

M. Briand, in a statement to Pressmen, emphasised that the Treaty contained nothing directed against anyone and might even be the germs of a new Locarno.—Reuter.

striking scene at l'Arc de Triomphe, where M. Doumergue was surrounded by the French and Allied Military and Naval representatives.

A huge crowd bared their heads in silence after which the tomb of the Unknown Warrior was heaped with wreaths.

Brussels, Yesterday.
In spite of snow and cold, Armistice Day was marked by touching ceremonies all over Belgium. Their Majesties the King and Queen and members of the Government placed wreaths on the tomb of the Unknown Warrior at eleven o'clock in the morning after which a minute's silence was observed.—Reuter.

Compiegne Forest Observance.
Compiegne, Yesterday.
In a clearing in the Compiegne Forest the railway coach which the Armistice was signed was ceremoniously established on the very spot where it stood on the memorable occasion in 1918. Marshal Foch and Admiral Sir George Hope were present.

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Sunday, November 20th.

"HERE AND THERE."

Monday, November 21st.

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COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Untamed Lady."

To-day—World Theatre; "He Who Gets Slapped."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Spanish Dancer."

To-day—Tea Dance at Cafe Regent, 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.; dinner 8 p.m.

November 13-14—The new "Our Cabaret" in "Hey! Hey!" at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

November 13-14—Queen's Theatre; "Valencia."

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MOTURING SECTION

NOTES AND QUERIES.

WHAT TO DO WITH A BROKEN REAR AXLE.

A correspondent wishes to know if there are any means or devices which can be applied in order to bring a motorist home any distance after breaking a rear axle.

In any case it would be a matter of impossibility for the car to be propelled under its own power. Assuming that another car was handy to tow the cripple in, a couple of skids made from the limbs of a tree, and braced to the housing of the axle would enable the car to be shifted. If the break happened at such a place as to be accessible when the differential cover was removed, and if a fairly large piece of solid rubber is on hand, it can be fitted inside the axle housing in such a manner that both parts of the axle may lay upon it. This would apply only when the break is made on a full-floating axle, as the weight of the car is carried by the axle housing and not the axle itself—the latter simply transmits the driving torque to the wheels. An additional support for the wheel would be a limb braced to the affected side of the axle. Under ordinary circumstances, however, it would be advisable to have the machine towed in to a garage.

Hard Starting.

Another owner who signs himself as "Troubled" states that he finds it very difficult to start the engine first thing in the morning, and wishes to know how this may be overcome.

This may be due to a variety of causes, and before condemning any particular component it is well, first of all, to see that the tappet clearances are correct, and that the ignition system and carburettor are clean and in good condition. In particular, investigation should be made as to whether there are any air leaks in the induction system, notably between the flange where the carburettor is attached to the induction pipe, and also up the valve guides. One of the chief causes of bad starting is the use of a too heavy or unsuitable oil, the result of which is a gumming up of the pistons and rings, thus making the engine very difficult to turn, even by use of the handle. Misadjustment of the carburettor is another of the many faults of hard starting. Flooding the cylinders with pure petrol, thereby preventing a proper mixture with a certain proportion of air so as to constitute an explosive mixture is a very common fault. Sparking plugs are also a contributory cause to starting troubles, being either dirty or having a gap that is too big or too small.

Repairing Spark Plugs.

"Plug" states that he has several damaged, but unused spark plugs on hand and would like to know the most suitable material to use for the insulation.

Usually the insulating material is of porcelain, and cylindrical in shape. There are some plugs on the market which have a mica insulation. These insulators are retained in their position by a threaded bushing within the metal cup which separates the two electrodes. In the modern spark plug there is an annular clearance between the insulating material and the inside of the metal cups, while in some makes an additional annular clearance is provided between the insulating material and the insulated electrode. This clearance is provided for the purpose of reducing the danger of short circuits by leaving a larger space between the two electrodes than would ordinarily be filled with soot. According to some designers, it also ensures a vortex for the gases, circulating in the primary combustion chamber, under the impulse of the piston strokes, thus expelling a large part of the deposits. It is possible for the insulating material to fall through becoming covered with soot, which, possessing considerable conductivity, affords an easier path for the current than the air gap. It may also cause short-circuits through saturation with conducting matter.

It has been found that two-thirds of the total amount of sales of goods on the installment plans in the United States is represented by purchases of motor cars. Last year, over two-thirds of the cars sold in U.S.A. were on time payment.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

QUESTION OF CONFLICTING COLOURS.

Members of the American Engineering Council Committee, which is conducting a survey of traffic conditions in the principal cities of the country, declare that the findings of the joint committee on traffic control signal systems of the New York State Conference of Mayors have brought nearer the solution of this problem.

Dr. Morton G. Lloyd, of Washington, a director of the Eye Sight Conservation Council of America and one of a committee of twenty which is directing a national inquiry into light, and safety, opposes the overlapping of red and green, a recommendation for which appeared in the preliminary draft of the New York report.

Signals That Conflict

In a symposium of comment and suggestions as to this report, Dr. Lloyd, who is chief of the safety section of the United States Bureau of Standards, says:

"Since these colours represent opposite and conflicting instructions, they should never be used in conjunction. It would be better to extinguish both the short period of transition than to show both simultaneously. Much better than either is to show red in both directions."

Another member of the American Engineering Council Committee, E. W. James, chief of Division of Design, Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, doubts the necessity of a lap of red and green signals.

Use Of Amber Light

"The question of three-lens against two-lens control signals, I know, is an important one and it is a dispute, but my observation is that the use of amber in the interval between red and green results in a tendency to rush the intersections," Mr. James says.

"You can see it on Sixteenth Street in Washington almost any time and day where the amber lights are used. The question of lap between red and green requires, I believe, very careful consideration. I am not sure that a lap is necessary and I feel rather strongly that it is only necessary from the point of view of the pedestrian."

"All the cars held on the red lights are stationary as the pedestrian walks in front of them. For a drive to start forward under such conditions to deliberately run down a pedestrian is unlikely, so I question whether a lap of the red and green signals is really required."

Pedestrian Movement.

"I think that there is no question that where traffic is sufficiently congested to require control that pedestrians should be compelled to observe the same control, because for the time being they also occupy the traffic lanes and not the sidewalks."

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PETROL PUMPS.

NAKED LIGHT DANGER.

During the last few weeks there have been several accidents, both in Western Australia and in the Eastern States, in which petrol pumps have figured. In more than one instance these have been caused by acetylene lamps, and the Chief Officer of the W.A. Fire Brigades' Board (Mr. J. M. Lambourne), when approached by the "West Australian", gave it as his emphatic opinion that there should be a regulation preventing the use of naked lights on petrol driven vehicles.

"These accidents are due to the imbecility—or, perhaps, I should say ignorance—of the people who allow petrol to be handled carelessly," he said. "I would rather see people handling gunpowder than petrol, because they know that gunpowder is explosive and would be careful accordingly. People fail to recognise that petrol is highly explosive. The trouble is that it is very volatile, and when disturbed vapourises and immediately spreads. The consequence is that a naked flame anywhere within yards of where the liquid is exposed is likely to cause a fire."

"Another danger," continued Mr. Lambourne, "is that people are in the habit of sitting in cars while the tank is being filled. If they are smoking cigarettes, there is every possibility of the vapour igniting, even if they are sitting in the front seat and the tank is at the rear. A lighted cigarette is not like a glowing coal. There is always a flame between the characteristics of the tobacco, and a flame is much more likely to cause ignition than a coal. I think that every car should be electrically lighted, and that care should be taken with the wiring and insulation to see that there is no chance of a short circuit causing a spark."

In answer to a further question, Mr. Lambourne said that the petrol pump, in his opinion, was the safest way of storing petrol. He instanced a fire that occurred recently in Perth where the petrol from a pump caught alight. The hose leading to the pump was burnt, but the pump itself, although full of petrol, was intact. On another occasion a burning building fell on to a garage containing a bowser. The garage was destroyed, but the pump and its contents were not harmed. Mr. Lambourne also considered that people who used petrol for cleaning clothes should always perform the operation out of doors, as the fumes in an enclosed space were likely to cause unconsciousness.

Fireproof Petrol Pump.

In support of the contention of Mr. Lambourne that the petrol pump is the safest method of storing petrol, the following paragraph, supplied by the British Imperial Oil Co., and referring to a fire which completely gutted a garage in Melbourne, is of interest.

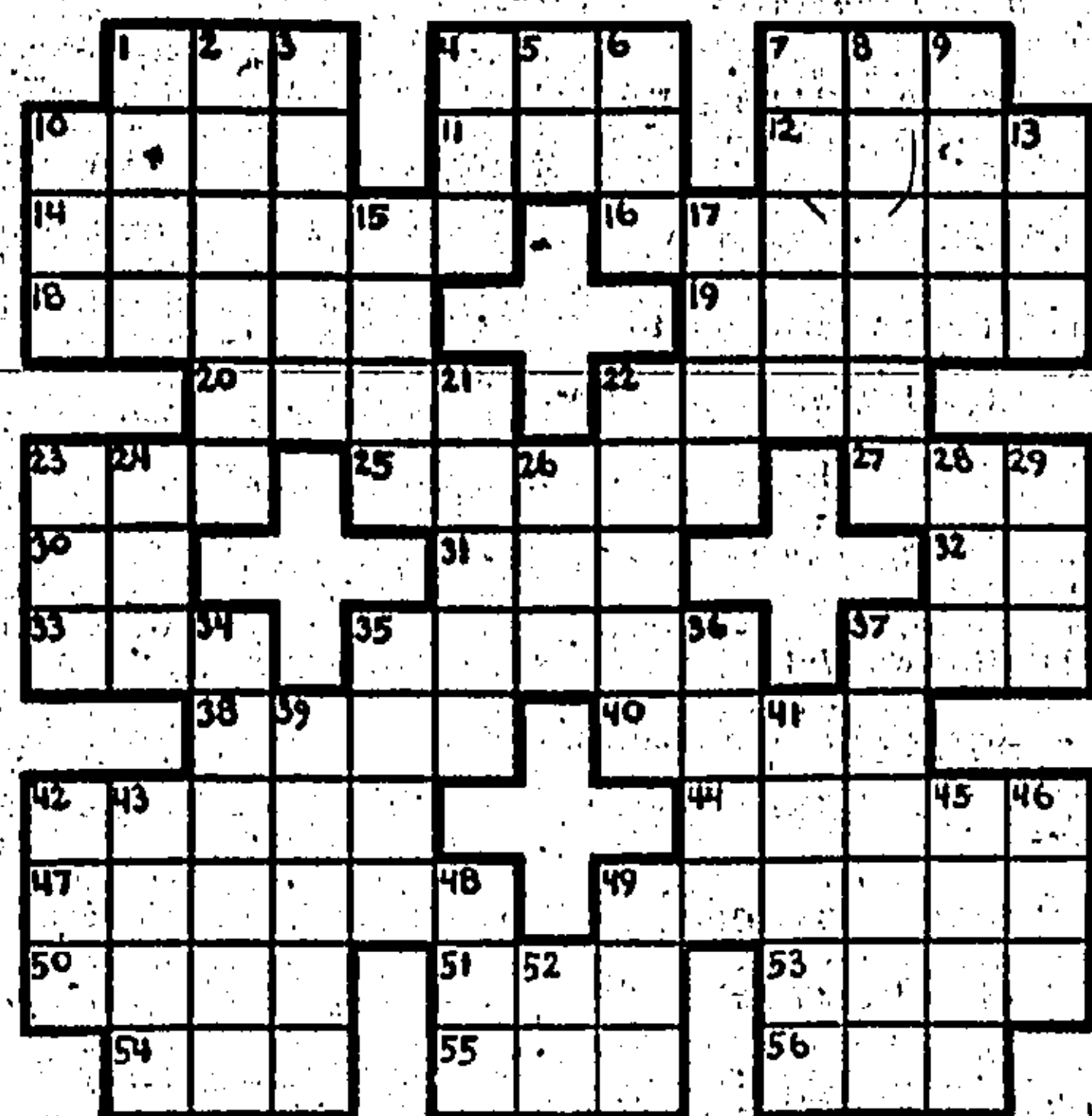
"On the left outside the garage stands a 'Shell' petrol pump. The fire raged in all its fury, wreaking havoc in all directions. A foundry at the rear of the garage was gutted also, while several adjoining properties sustained considerable damage. And in the midst of this blaze stood apparently the most inflammable object in that area—the petrol pump—safe and sound, except for a little discolouration through scorching. This was in spite of the fact that it had that day received delivery of 100 gallons of spirit. On the following day sales of petrol were made from the pump as usual."

"This incident furnishes conclusive evidence in support of the claim that these pumps are perfectly safe, being leak-proof, vapour-tight and without fumes. Although the tank containing the spirit is six feet underground, the absence of any one of the above-mentioned advantages would allow fumes and vapour to arise round the pump and become ignited in case of fire."

common regulation everywhere, so that drivers venturing into places where they are unfamiliar with the streets or roads will find both the type of signals and the regulations the same as those they know and are familiar with at home."

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

1-A flag
 4-To jump on one foot
 7-Knock
 10-Repetition of words
 11-A unit
 12-Grows old
 14-Exit
 16-To return
 18-Gray matter
 19-Gives public expression to
 20-To transfer
 22-Closely confined
 23-To question
 25-Sylvan Greek deity
 27-Speak
 30-Behold
 31-A note of the scale
 32-Prenoun
 35-To drag
 36-Station
 37-Procure
 38-A long narrow piece of steel
 40-A river in Africa

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

42-One cubic meter
 43-To rent
 47-Waits for
 48-Closer
 50-A female title
 51-Past
 52-To change direction
 54-An exclamation
 55-A seed-capsule
 56-Editors (abbr.)

VERTICAL

1-To travel by auto
 2-Assault
 3-To contradict
 4-Of high temperature
 5-Preposition
 6-Prefix meaning "through"
 7-A black bird
 8-Deputies
 9-Saury
 10-Stall
 12-Streets (abbr.)
 13-Finishes
 17-Always

VERTICAL (Cont.)

21-Lined by an artist
 22-A monumental gateway
 (Egypt arch.)
 23-Everything
 24-An old French coin
 25-Lid
 26-Reverential fear
 28-Sill
 29-An oily substance
 33-Regulated meals
 35-Slang for "High alkali"
 37-Made ready
 38-Get up
 41-Depart
 42-Boy's name (familiar)
 43-A small branch of a tree
 45-Beholds
 46-To sin
 48-The juice of plants
 49-To incline the head
 52-Depart

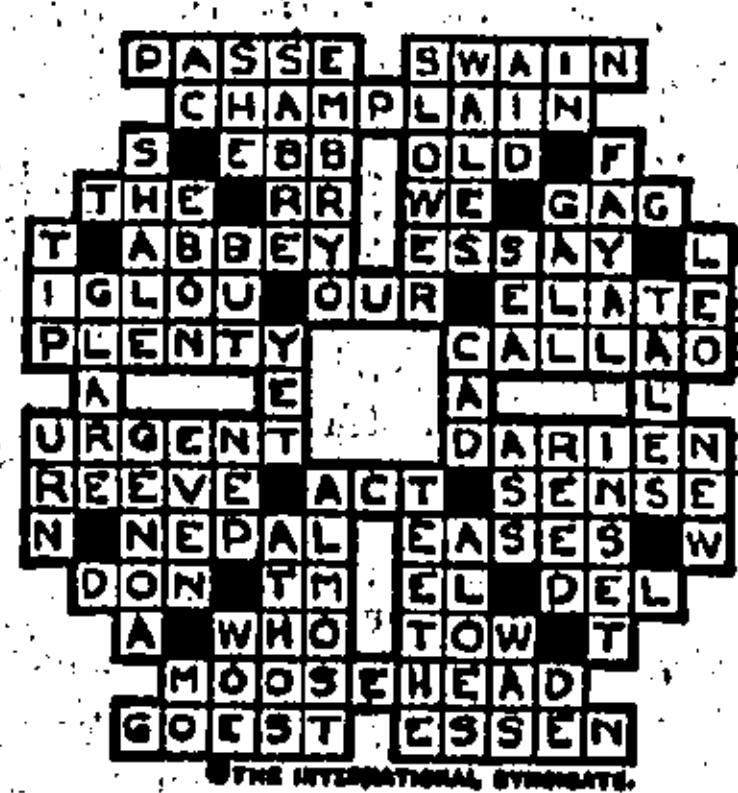
SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
 Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

SAIGON TO BANGKOK.

A correspondent who was with the Saigon Rugby team which recently visited Bangkok forwards a brief description of the journey. The footballers left Saigon by car on September 21, at four in the morning and reached Pnom Penh at 10 a.m. After tiffin, the party left Pnom Penh at 2 p.m. reaching Battambang at 9 p.m. Starting early next morning they reached Sisophon and the Siamese border. Here the track prohibited further motoring and so the party walked 6 miles to Aran Prodet, and entrained for Bangkok.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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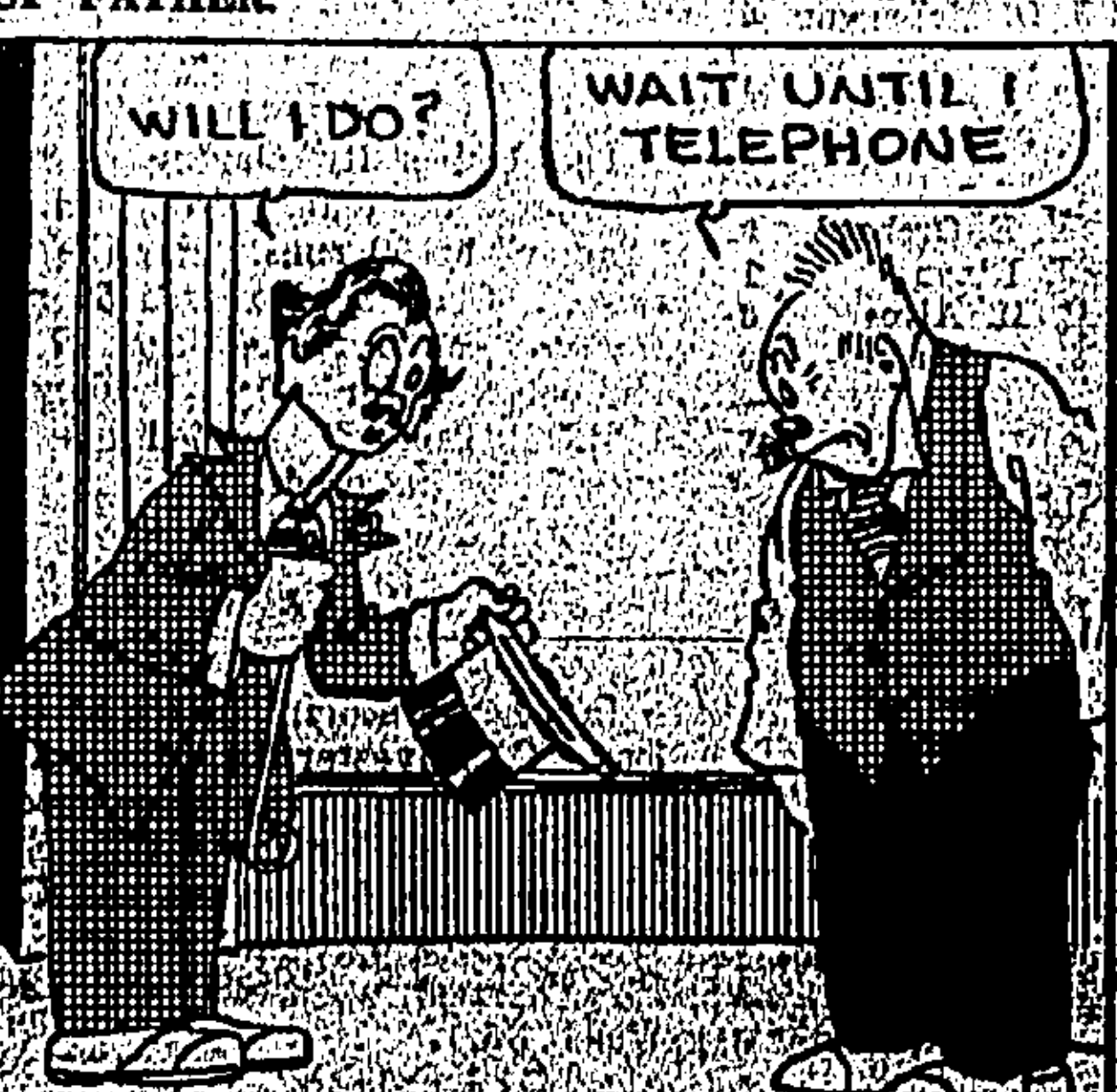
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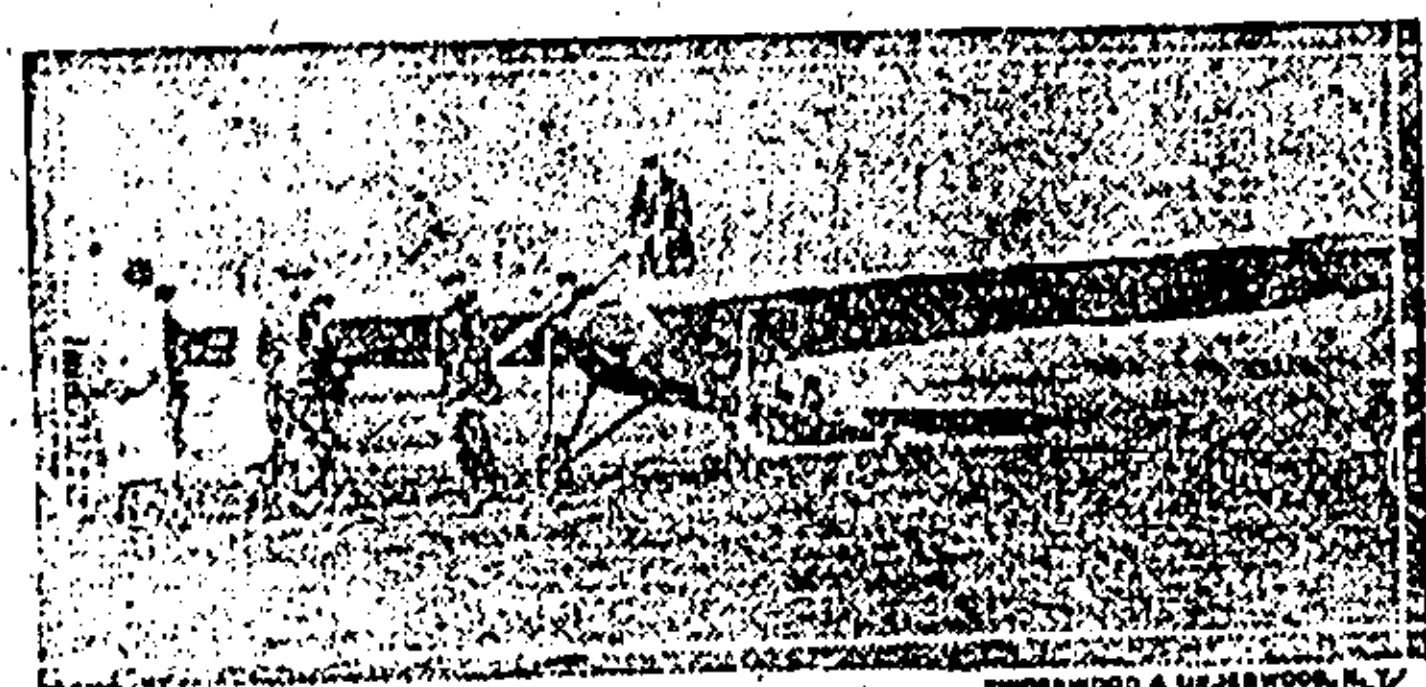


FLYING DAY BY DAY.

London, Sept. 28. Experts in this country are now seriously debating whether, after all, trans-country flights are not the best method, not of trying out new types of aircraft, but also of air propaganda. Certainly there is a pretty general opinion that aerial race meetings such as we witnessed this year at Birmingham and at Bourne are pretty well played out in their present form. The very public will not go to see in their hundreds of thousands. The handicapping is often subject of active disagreement. The peril of a short course with sharp turns are too great to be faced with equanimity merely by an ordinary class or even by a crowd. Similar difficulties would not, however, confront pilots when called upon to engage in a trans-country air contest like the trans-Atlantic Motor Cycle Races (Dur-Johannesburg) and different Australian dashes. There is no going for them and not only such encounters cultivate air-mindedness in the districts flown, but they would show how the sky could be effectively opened to need. The prizes need not be great, but the honour of victory would be great. By this means, Dominion could raise its own aerial champion. Anyway there need be no anxiety to the supply of machines. There are plenty of enterprising aircraft constructors in this country and no doubt in France, Italy, Germany, and the United States would be glad of an opportunity to enter such a race for the sake of the priceless publicity it would afford.

Tests for Machines.
Many readers with long memories will have followed aviation from the days of the Wright Brothers. Maurice Farman will no doubt all that those cross-country tests were the first method used for trying out both aeroplanes and pilots. There was, for example, the London to Manchester Race in which Grahame White strove in vain for victory. Then came the English Channel by air, afterwards we had the famous "Enterprise" contest set up by enterprising newspapers that put the best airmen of those days to a week's test. Who can doubt that the best results were not built up in such struggles? Where would Paulhan, Vedrines and other giants have been placed in history if they had only been at seaside race meetings where betting was permitted and

The Air Derby.
I have been driven, of course, to many of these reflections by a study of the recent Air Derby across America which was organised by the City of Spokane. This, it will be recalled, was a race of 2,300 miles from Roosevelt Field, Long Island, to Spokane in the State of Washington for prize money amounting to £2,000 and no fewer than 25 aeroplanes started. It is a point worthy of remark that practically all were small monoplanes, looking like birds with their gay colours, and that 16 of them had a passenger apiece besides the pilot. Now all the recent trans-Atlantic flights were accomplished on monoplanes. Indeed England is the only country building biplanes almost exclusively, encouraged, or rather almost constrained, by the Air Ministry who can make or break our aircraft constructors. I am not now at this juncture going into the merits of monoplanes or biplanes for such a



AIR MAIL.

contest. There is of course a good deal to be said on both sides, but we should never lose sight of the fact that this season, at all events, monoplanes sweep the board on the United States. Furthermore the conditions of this American Air Derby were pretty stringent. Stops of five minutes each had to be made at eight towns and overnight stops at Chicago and Glendive, Montana. In the last trans-American race, the one in 1920, six men lost their lives either over the Rocky Mountains or over the Great Lakes and a swift disaster this year overtook one of the racing planes for a Michigan pilot and his passenger were killed through their machine crashing in the woods of Long Valley, New Jersey. And before the first stop was reached, five aeroplanes had already been forced down by engine trouble or other difficulties, and one pilot withdrew from the race, declaring that the fog over the Pennsylvania mountains made it suicidal to continue.

central co-ordinating Imperial Air League to stir its people up to the necessity of British supremacy in the air? We here in London were greatly stirred by the news that more than 375 airmen and friends interested in flying attended the dinner at Toronto the other day of the newly formed Aeronautical Association of Canada when Major-General MacBrien outlined the organisation of the projected Canadian Air League and said that the purpose of the league, in addition to ensuring the fullest development of civil commercial flying in Canada, would be to secure the formation of an Air Reserve Force adequate for the defence of the Dominion, to conduct research work, to organise flying clubs throughout the country, to create junior airmen's leagues, and generally to promote public interest in flying.

Scotland's Example.

A parallel effort to that of Canada is being made by the Scottish Flying Club Movement Committee of Glasgow and in a special

vention an over dimensions' propeller can be affixed to an aeroplane, and that with the additional propeller resistance and the enormously increased engine power, the latter can be lifted far above the altitudes in which the problems of wind storm air pockets are encountered. For the present, however, the claim must be left where it is—but it should be recognised "the attainment of such speeds is not an impossibility." If the Schneider Cup competitors, for example, could by means of special apparatus for altering the wing surface and propeller, and supercharging, have kept their engine revolutions constant up to nine miles high they would have attained a speed of approximately 900 m.p.h. owing to lessened air resistance at such heights. In fact Mr. A. V. Roe, who is English aviation's greatest pioneer, and is distinguished for his sane and practical designs to-day, has taken a mild bet to the effect that monster passenger-carrying aircraft will be flying at such speeds within the next 26 years, and that many now living will see the London-Australia flight made in a day!

Rival Air Leagues.

Is the day soon coming when every British Dominion will have an Air League of its own, with a

SIAM'S PROGRESS.

CONTRAST MADE WITH SINGAPORE.
ESSENTIAL LINK.

Don Muang aerodrome is rapidly taking its place among the prominent international flying fields of the world, says the "Bangkok Times." Its name is appearing to-day in most of the large newspapers of Holland, of Great Britain and the United States. It has become an essential link in the chain of aerodromes that "milestone" the air route from the West into the East, and with each flight its position becomes more prominent. Lieut. Koppen has stated that Don Muang is the best aerodrome between Paris and Siam despite the fact that he suffered the most serious setback during his flight, in its treacherous marshes. Ross Smith said much the same thing—it was the first aerodrome he had seen since leaving Europe. The reputation of Siam's aerodrome is in the hands of these men who swoop down from the sky, overhaul and refuel, rest for the night, and take off again with an insouciant wave of the hand to make another 1,000 miles before nightfall. The speed and the efficiency of the repair shop of the Air Force has been vividly portrayed to the Dutch fliers who have been what might have been irreparable damage put right within twenty-four hours. They, like others, will carry the story of Don Muang into the world. Improvements could be made to the ground which would greatly enhance its value not only as a more efficient landing ground but even more as a world-wide advertisement for the nation. Don Muang is Siam's air port—the gateway to the skies and the future. Meanwhile a good telephone service would help to link it more effectively with Bangkok.

ON LEAVE BY AIR.

A Vision of the Future.

Colombo, Oct. 26.

The presence of the British mission direct from the Air Ministry, selecting a possible airship base in the neighbourhood of Colombo and discussing the part Ceylon will play as a port of call between England, Egypt, India, Australia and New Zealand fore-shadows the possibility of flying from Colombo to England in 1930. A giant commercial airship capable of carrying 100 passengers will probably cover the distance in seven days. Flight Lieutenant Nixon, a member of the mission, is proceeding to the Cocos Islands for the purpose of investigating the possibility of establishing an emergency landing ground there, between Ceylon and Perth. It is eventually expected that a weekly service, between England and Australia, via Ceylon will be run.

AUSTRALIA IN 10 DAYS.

Experiments With Two Airships to Begin Next Year.

Mr. Bruce, the Australian Premier, intimated that the Government had received the report of Group-Captain Fellowes, leader of the British Airship Delegation, which he said contained important recommendations on inter-imperial communications. The report refers to two airships now under construction in Britain which will begin their trial flights next year. If the experiments are successful it is anticipated that the voyage between Australia and England will be reduced to about ten days.

Their objects are quite clear. They aim—
To provide a means whereby instructional and sporting flying may be made possible and obtainable at the most reasonable rates at the leisure of the members.
To train members as pilots; provide and maintain machines for the instruction and pleasure of members.
To bring together those who are interested in flying and thus form an organisation for the purpose of keeping in touch with all that is happening in the world of practical aviation.

One Thousand Airports.

I must, thank the Canadian reader who has just sent me a reminder that according to the Aeronautics Branch of the American Department of Commerce, more than 1,000 airports and intermediate fields will dot the United States from coast to coast, and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico by the end of 1927.

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KOPPEN'S RETURN.

NARROW ESCAPE OF SPECTATORS.

A NASTY ACCIDENT.

In the account of the return landing of Koppen at Don Muang the "Bangkok Times" says: Lieut. Koppen's machine was sighted from the aerodrome at 3.15 flying low. Members of the Dutch community in Bangkok who were waiting to meet the fliers waved a salute as the monoplane swept past them at a height of about 50 feet. Zooming into the air Lieut. Koppen banked steeply and flew in a wide circle around the field.

From the western end of the landing ground Lieut. Koppen prepared to land and with his engine "cut out" he dropped within a few feet of the field. Having sighted several wet patches he opened up his engine again and flew with his under-carriage wheels just skipping the long grass until he reached drier ground and then landed.

The machine ran along the ground to the eastern end of the aerodrome plunging into the soggy marsh before it had lost its momentum. Realising his danger the pilot opened his throttle and with the three engines roaring the monoplane staggered in a circle through water which in some places was several feet deep, splashing through the muddy spray, lurching heavily as it wallowed through the pot-holes. Despite Lieut. Koppen's desperate attempt to bring his machine around and get it back on firm soil, he was unable to swing short enough and the plane came to rest facing the side of the most eastern hangar with his under-carriage buried in the marsh.

Several of the Dutch residents ran "kneedeep" into the bog and greeted the fliers through the door of the aeroplane's cabin while officers of the air force quickly mustered several hundred men to assist in dragging the machine out to safety.

Eager Assistance.

After the tail of the monoplane had been swung around so that the machine headed north Lieut. Koppen opened his throttle but the three engines were unable to move the heavy plane. Additional ropes were brought up and several ropes were tied to the under-carriage struts while planks were placed beneath the wheels to give the machine footing. The starboard wheel had sunk several feet into the mud and all effort was concentrated on extricating that side of the machine. The great single wing listed

almost to the ground and Mr. Piets, on the outer side, and Mr. Keylard, Mr. Hols and Mr. Stibbe, were standing beneath it to prevent it being damaged when the monoplane was dragged out of the mud.

The signal was given, the weight of several hundred men drew the ropes taut, and the machine moved forward slowly. A few feet of headway was made and the monoplane stuck. A renewed effort was made and as the weight of the men was thrown into the ropes again the starboard strut snapped with the report of a pistol shot. The great machine collapsed on one side and the right wing sank into the water burying the four men beneath it.

A Narrow Escape.

Mr. Keylard and Mr. Hols who had been under the wing with Mr. Piets and Mr. Stibbe scrambled out almost immediately and rushed to the wingtip calling for help. Officers and men rushed to their assistance and with presence of mind and without confusion the tremendous weight of the wing was lifted easily. Mr. Stibbe who had managed without that space of time to drag himself out of the mud and water from under the wing joined his countrymen and Mr. Piets was pulled up from beneath the water almost on the point of suffocation.

He was carried quickly to a nearby building and medical corps of the air force took charge at once. He was found to be suffering from a severe reaction of nerves, several abrasions on his back and chest, and a painful wrench of the spine.

"Loophole of Light."

"I knew I could hang on for one minute more" he told his friends when he had recovered from the first shock. "As soon as I was knocked down I tried with all my might to lift the wing and when I found I couldn't I kept on holding my breath praying for help."

Mr. Piets was completely submerged in two feet of water and mud and when picked up was covered from head to foot with black slime.

Mr. Stibbe, whose escape was almost as miraculous said: "I didn't know what happened at first when I found myself in utter blackness, stretched out face down. But I saw a little loop-hole of light and I squirmed through the water and the mud and got out."

Mr. Piets was placed on a stretcher provided by the medical corps and carried to the railway station. Attempts were made to charter a special train in case the last train which left Don Muang at 5.30 was

CHANNEL CROSSED.

Frenchman's Invention.

London, Oct. 10.

A cross between a seaplane and a submarine, though it cannot fly or submerge, called a seaplane glider, came up the Thames and is moored at Putney. It is the invention of a Frenchman and it crossed from Boulogne to Dover in twenty minutes. It consumes thirty gallons of petrol per hour and is capable of a speed of 80 miles an hour. It has a propeller at the back, wings and floats.

It is claimed that it is perfectly steady even in the roughest weather: when stationary it draws only four inches of water. Two-seater models cost only £50.

EIGHT-TON AIR SHIP.

The first official test flight of the aero dreadnought Super-Cyclops, bombing plane built in the factory of the Keystone Aircraft Corporation for the army, was made successfully. Lieutenant Frank B. Tyndall, U.S.A., piloted the bomber.

Lieutenant Tyndall landed the eight-ton ship after soaring at various heights up to 3,000 feet for twenty-two minutes. His maximum speed was close to 120 miles an hour.

The Super-Cyclops weighs nearly eight tons and has a wing spread of eighty-six feet. It will carry a military load of four tons, including a one-ton bomb, in addition to six or ten machine guns and a crew. The plane is driven by two 550-horse power motors.

BAGDAD TO CAIRO.

London, Oct. 13.

The re-arrangement of the time schedule on Imperial Airways, Limited's route between Cairo and the Persian Gulf is announced. It will come into operation on October 15.

The new schedule deletes the overnight stop at Gaza, enabling the air liners to cover the distance between Bagdad and Cairo in one day, thus saving 24 hours on the air mail service.

REPLY TO CRITICISM.

London, Sept. 24.

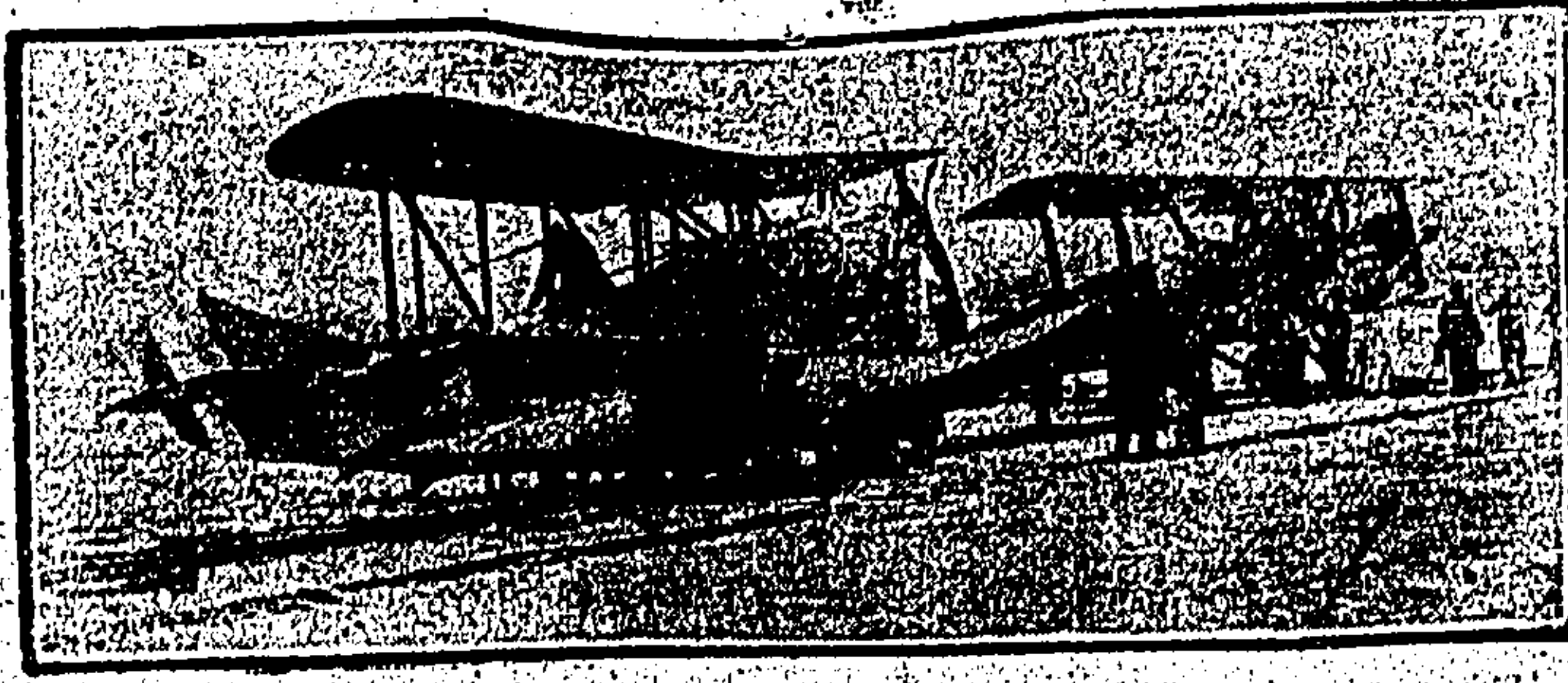
Commander Burney, who has charge of the Empire airship scheme, replying to criticism as to airship strength and standards, says the R100 has double the strength required. She will be ready in April and will accommodate a hundred passengers. Passengers for the first trip are booked up many times over.

UPSIDE-DOWN FLYING: WORLD RECORD.

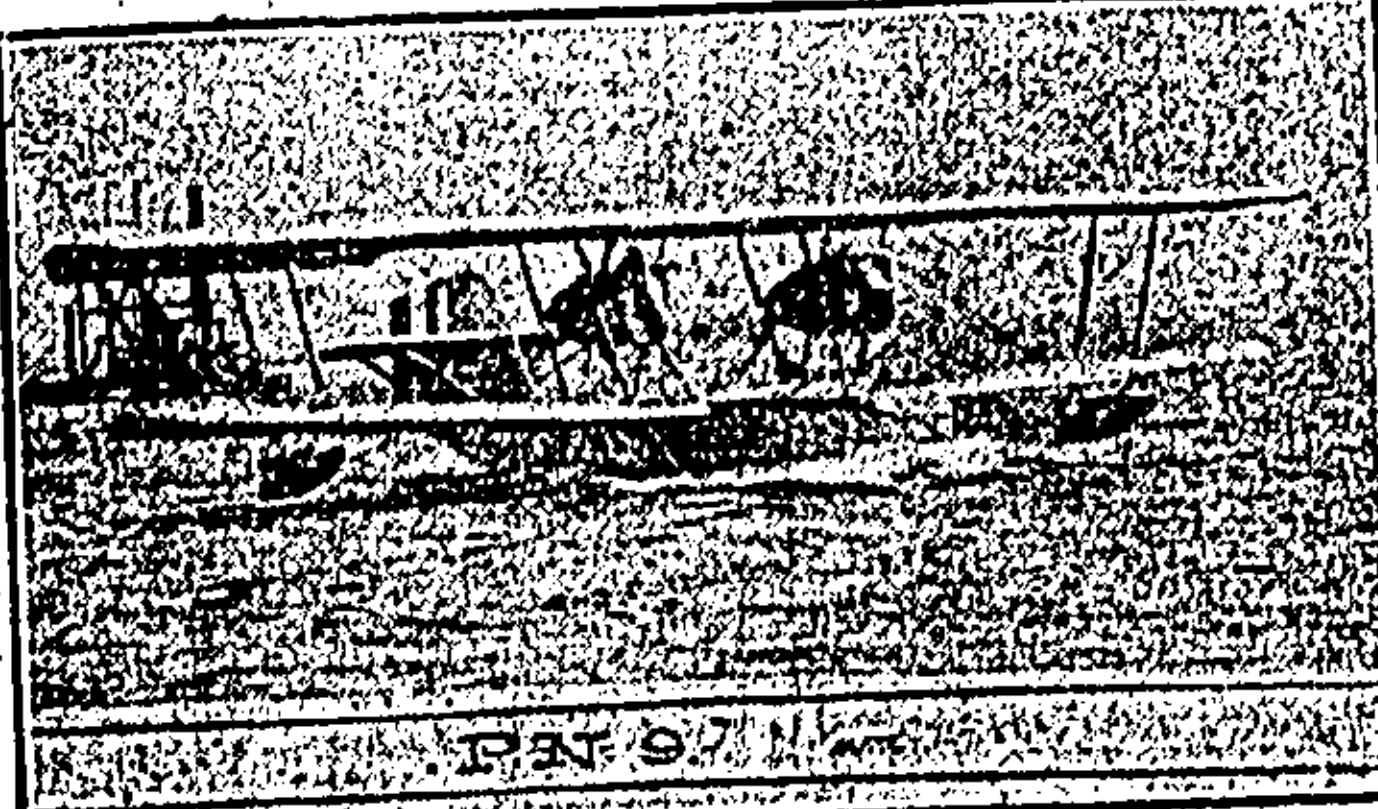
London, Sept. 22.

The Cologne correspondent of the "Times" states that the aviator Flesler flew from Cologne to Bonn, a distance of 17 miles, in fifteen minutes, upside-down, creating a world record.

missed, but owing to the poor telephone connections the message to the railway headquarters was confused and the regular train was taken. Mr. Piets was lifted out of the carriage window at Bang Sue and transferred to a motor car which rushed him to the St. Louis Hospital.



AMPHIBIAN PLANE IN FOREGROUND.



U. S. P. N. 9 SEAPLANE.

FEEDING AN ARMY.

WHAT SCIENTIFIC METHODS
SAVE TO-DAY.

SOLDIERS BETTER OFF.

"Twenty years ago the Regular soldiers received one pound of bread and three-quarters of a pound of meat a day, and paid threepence out of his daily shilling to receive potatoes, tea and sugar, but to-day the food in the Army is incomparably better than meals to be had in many a middle-class home."

That is how Lieut.-Col. Stephen Wright, who has just retired from the position of Inspector of Army Catering, described to a Press representative the change that has come about in a few years.

"Before 1907," he said, "the soldiers could do what he pleased with his daily pound of bread and three-quarters of a pound of meat. It was amazing how much was wasted. Sometimes at Aldershot civilians would come into barracks during the morning and take away whole sacksful of wasted bread."

"I can remember the time when, if a man wanted a rash of bacon, he had to go to a coffee bar and pay three-halfpence for it. It was given him in a piece of newspaper, and from that he ate it. When I undertook the work of reorganising the system, I soon found that there was much more to be done than I had realised, so I became a student of the art of feeding scientifically."

"Practically the first change I made was when I realised that often a man did not need three-quarters of a pound of meat a day when in barracks. I saved enough out of that allowance to give him three breakfasts a week. That was a saving which meant thousands of pounds in a year. The money is not lost to the soldier because it goes into a reserve fund for extras on special occasions, such as manoeuvres or long route marches."

Soldier's Habits.

"One thing soon struck me. Unless a soldier is in isolated barracks some miles from a town he will not come in for supper. Formerly it was not supposed to matter, but it is a fact that a man loses weight during sleep. Normally a man loses about 80 degrees of energy. If, however, he goes without supper it works out at a loss of 1,200 degrees. That must not happen to a soldier. So in my dietaries I saw to it that for tea he had something really substantial—fishcakes, meat, cheese, or sardines, for example."

"A further study of the soldier showed that during the week-ends he is fairly flush with money. By Sunday night he is usually 'broke'. To meet that now in the army the ten on Tuesday is a little more substantial than on Monday. On Wednesday it is a good meal, and on Thursday it is sufficient to keep him going without another thing until next morning."

"Soldiers have their weaknesses. The man who has been in the army for several years will guffaw at the mention of a dish like fruit salad, but the young recruit likes it. To-day, therefore, an alternative dinner is supplied to meet the two types of soldiers. If you gave a man the same thing day after day he soon gets tired of his food. For that reason potatoes are never cooked in the same way two days running in the army."

Animal fats are very necessary to keep up a man's vitality, consequently the soldier is given plenty of things in which dripping is used, instead of two much margarine, which is made from vegetable fats.

In-Time-of-War.

"The great test came with the European war, and I think that the verdict will be that the army was well fed. Napoleon said that an army marches on its stomach, and how true that was shown when the British Army retreated from Mons to Ypres. They were allowed during that time 1½ lb. of meat a day, and they ate every bit of it, but when they were firmly entrenched before Ypres it was a quite unnecessary allowance. Any soldier will tell you what happened to many of the familiar tins of 'bully beef'."

"In former wars, I have served in three, the soldier who was in it at the start always came off worst from a food point of view. That will never happen again for if there should ever be another war the canteens will travel with the army right up to the field of battle."

"The soldier used to have a reputation for grumbling. Is it to be wondered at when the cook was dressed in a dirty pair of regimental trousers and an unwashed shirt and kept his face unwashed simply because he was doing duty in the cookhouse? To-day the Army cook is dressed and performs like a high-class chef. At first the soldiers laughed, but they don't now. They know it implies good food and a well-fed man is a contented man as any housewife will tell you."

INDIAN NEWS.

VIEWS ON STATUTORY
COMMISSION.

MISS MAYO'S BOOK.

Bombay, Oct. 21. A bumper crop of speculations, based on some inside knowledge regarding the Statutory Commission, was brought to India by the a.s. "Rawalpindi," which landed an unusually large number of passengers this morning.

That the Labour members of Parliament seemed to favour a purely Parliamentary Commission was the surprising statement made by Mr. Sanchidhananda Sinha, ex-Finance Minister of Bihar and Orissa, who was one of the arrivals.

The reason given by the Labour members for taking up such a position, he declared, was that Indian views, even of the most moderate persuasion, were well-known. The personnel of the Parliamentary Commission had been decided even in August last, before the prorogation of Parliament, but the agitation in India induced the authorities not to announce it.

Offer Rejected. The question, however, was still under consideration and an announcement might be expected at the end of the year, in which case the Commission would come out to India this time next year and it was on this assumption that two Labour Members, including Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald, who had been offered seats in August, had not accepted the offer, as they expected a general election to come off just about that time and they did not want to leave the field clear for their political opponents.

"I have never seen a more hostile England to Indian aspirations than the England of to-day," declared Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, ex-Law Member of the Government of India, another distinguished Indian arrival.

Sir Tej Bahadur corroborated the above statements regarding the Royal Commission.

"Mother India." Indian passengers generally are full of reports of the immense damage to the cause of India abroad wrought by Miss Katherine Mayo's book "Mother India." They unanimously corroborated the report that copies of the book were distributed free among members of Parliament and they indignantly asserted that there was some sinister agency which utilised it for anti-Indian propaganda.

An exception was Mr. N. N. Gangulee, the Agricultural Commissioner, who took the book as a challenge to Indian youth, who should not rest till the social evils portrayed with exaggerated emphasis were eradicated.

Mr. G. S. Sethi, adviser to the Workers' Delegate to the International Labour Conference at Geneva, who also arrived by steamer, declared that the book was not taken seriously in Labour circles.

NEILL STATUE.

Motion For Removal
Rejected.

Madras, Oct. 21. By 67 votes to 29, the Madras Legislature rejected a Swarajist motion for the removal of General Neill's statue from the present site.

Unofficial members described the late General Neill as a "cowardly murderer," while Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks, for the Government, warned members against the possibility of the movement spreading to other statues.

Mr. C. E. Wood, in deprecating the strong language used, recalled the Cawnpore murders, when innocent Englishmen, women and children were murdered.

RETRENCHMENT.

"SPENDING OF MONEY
LAVISHLY."

RESIDENTS' CIRCULAR.

The Chinese Ratepayers' Association in the International Settlement, Shanghai, last week sent the following circular letter to Messrs. Ho Tuk-kwe, Feng Siao-san, Chao Cheng-ching, and others to collect their views on the subject of retrenchment by the Shanghai Municipal Council:

"On October 29, the various local newspapers published an article to the effect that the Shanghai Municipal Council is collecting views on the subject of cutting down the expenses of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and that the Council has organised a financial committee to take charge of the matter. Ma Yah, Acting Chairman of the Committee of the Shanghai Municipal Council, issued a circular notice collecting views regarding the cutting down of the expenses of the Shanghai Municipal Council. Judging by the statements, it is already evident that the Shanghai Municipal Council is spending money lavishly. We deem it necessary to ask your views regarding this matter, and request you to send us your views in writing, in order that they may be submitted to the financial committee of the Shanghai Municipal Council for consideration."—"Sinwanpao."

SIAM'S RAILWAYS.

COMMISSIONER'S RETURN
FROM ABROAD.

Bangkok, Oct. 22. This afternoon the Minister of Commerce and Communications arrived back from his four months tour, in the course of which he has spent a very busy time in Australia, Java and the Philippines. On the way up the Minister, as Commissioner General of State Railways met Mr. Strachan at Kuala Lumpur, and conferred on railway matters, and visited Pattani, Singora and Haad Yai, before coming on to Bangkok, where he arrived by special train on Saturday afternoon. He made a quick journey leaving Haad Yai one hour before the express and arriving in Bangkok four hours ahead of her.

The Minister found his knowledge of wireless very much out of date and practically had to relearn the subject. Subject to ratification on the part of the Siamese Government agreements have been made between Siam and Manila in respect to direct radio communication. This will very greatly cheapen the cost of communication between Siam and the countries mentioned, and in time will lead to a much better news service being made available here.

The Prince had not been to Java for over ten years and the advance made in that period struck him very favourably. In Australia he found the authorities everywhere very helpful, and although on holiday was able to see more than most official visitors. A pictorial record of the journey has been made which will be exhibited in due course. In Manila the Prince made a thorough inspection of the Naval wireless station, and saw all there was to be seen in the time at his disposal.—"Singapore Free Press" Corr.

SUN'S SPOTS.

ASTOUNDING PREDICTION BY
ASTRONOMER.

DISASTERS AHEAD OF JAPAN?

Prof. Dr. Yamamoto, of the Kyoto Imperial University Faculty, who is one of the two highest authorities in the world on the study of the sun's spots, spoke to the following purport:—

The effects of the sun's spots for the present cycle were expected to be brought to an end this year till the next cycle, but it has been calculated that the same spots will attain their maximum size about next summer, when their space will be bigger than the record space of 1917, indeed over twenty times as big as the earth itself. The above will seriously affect the electricity and magnetism on earth and further work out the sharpest meteorological changes known these 30 or 60 years in the shape of extreme heat and cold. Another striking phenomenon will take the form of the wholesale breakdown of the telegraph and telephone wires, both wire and wireless. The recent jarring of the radio and telephone message by the mingling of strange sounds is attributed to the sun's spots.

The Professor continues:—I do not mean to glory in frightening people needlessly, but am certain of the above occurring. I expect the aurora to be seen in Hokkaido and Nigata next winter. Many a natural disaster on earth that have taken place one after another recently result from the same potential cause, and this state of things will continue during the few years to come. At present the sun's spots are almost visible to the naked eye.

FIRE IN PESHAWAR.

OVER 1,000 HOUSES
DESTROYED.

Peshawar, Oct. 8.

A destructive fire broke out in the densest quarter of the city yesterday morning.

The flames, shooting up "sky high," baffled the strenuous efforts of the Fire Brigade, the local police and the military, and completely destroyed over 1,000 dwelling houses, besides a number of shops. The fire continued till this morning, when, with the greatest difficulty, it was brought under control.

It originated in a Hindu house and is believed to have been accidental.

The principal sufferers were Hindus, although a number of Mohammedan houses were destroyed.

The populace behaved admirably and rendered the greatest assistance to the local military and police. There was no looting or disturbances.

Only twenty per cent. of the property was covered by insurance.

The latest reports state that the fire brigade had an almost impossible task in controlling the situation in the masses of congested houses.

One fireman was killed and two were seriously injured.

Two unknown persons were also killed, as the result of falling houses.

A company of sappers and miners, and members of the Seva Samiti (Service League) rendered great assistance.

CIVIL SERVANTS.

THEIR POSITION IN TRADE
UNIONS.

NEW REGULATIONS.

The new regulations governing membership of trade unions by established Civil servants made by the Treasury in pursuance of the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Act, 1927, were issued on September 6. They require, subject to certain provisions, that no established Civil servant, shall, after December 31, 1927, be a member, delegate, or representative of any organisation of which the primary object is to influence or affect the remuneration and conditions of employment of its members unless a certificate of approval is in force certifying that the organisation is an approved association.

In Part I. of the Schedule the conditions which must be fulfilled by approved organisations are stated to be as follows:—

Membership of the association must be confined to persons employed by or under the Crown.

The association must be in all respects independent of and not affiliated to:—(a) any organisation of which the primary object is to influence or affect the remuneration and conditions of employment of its members, the membership of which is not confined to persons employed by or under the Crown; or (b) any federation which comprises any such organisation.

The objects of the association must not include political objects. The association must not be associated directly or indirectly with any political party or organisation.

The regulations provide, however, that any person who on July 29, 1927, was an established Civil servant may remain a member of any trade union or organisation not composed wholly or mainly of persons employed by or under the Crown, notwithstanding that it is not an approved association, if he had at that date been a member for more than six months and there had on April 4, 1927, accrued or begun to accrue to him a right to any future payment during incapacity, or by way of superannuation, or on the death of himself or his wife, or as provision for his children. It is also provided that any person employed by or under the Crown on July 29, 1926, who thereafter becomes an established Civil servant may remain, so long as he is not appointed to a position of supervision or management, a member of any trade union or organisation not composed wholly or mainly of persons employed by or under the Crown, notwithstanding that it is not an approved association, if on the date when he became an established Civil servant he was a member of the trade union or organisation, and under the rules thereof there had at that date accrued or begun to accrue to him a right to similar payments. A person who, in addition to being an established Civil servant is, apart from his service as such, also engaged in some other occupation, may be a member, delegate, or representative, of any trade union or organisation, notwithstanding that it is not an approved association.

Any organisation of which the primary object is to influence or affect the remuneration and conditions of employment of its members shall, if it complies with the requirements of the regulations, be entitled to a certificate of approval so long as the Treasury is satisfied that the organisation does not infringe the conditions to be fulfilled by approved organisations.

HOLY SEE.

MAKES GAIN IN
HUNGARY.

A POWERFUL FACTION.

Budapest, Oct. 20. With the impending appointment by Rome of a successor to the late Archbishop of Gran, the Holy See is to recover political influence over Hungary.

In this country, the office of the Archbishop of Gran is of the greatest political importance. His power reaches far beyond the mere ecclesiastical scope. He is simultaneously "Prince Primas," the legal head of the Roman Catholic Church in Hungary. By tradition he is the acknowledged leader of the Catholic church dignitaries in the Hungarian Upper-House; a powerful faction in such an out-and-out Catholic country as Hungary. The constitution endows with legal authority to crown the new king. Without his consecration there will be no rightful king of Hungary. The "Prince Primas" must appoint, and, together with the prime minister, put St. Stephen's tiara-like crown on the head of the Hungarian king-to-be.

Originally, the right to appoint this influential person rested with the Vatican. At an early stage, however, the Hungarian crown wrested this privilege from the Holy See; the Hapsburg thought it safer to have one of their own men fill such an important position, and, for centuries, have been appointing the Archbishop of Gran.

Now Roman curial diplomacy is about to win back this ancient privilege. The struggle over the appointment between the Vatican and the Hungarian secular authorities is not yet over. But the latter are battling on the retreat. Their utter defeat in this silently yet pertinaciously fought contest is a mere question of time. Denominational factors are playing into the hands of the Vatican diplomats.

Both Admiral Horthy, Regent of Hungary, and Premier Count Bethlen are Calvinists. In Catholic Hungary, this makes it extremely difficult for them to stand up against the demands of the Vatican, especially as the Roman Curia argues that, while it may have been feasible that a Catholic king was to appoint the "Prince Primas," it is out of the question to grant such rights to the present, Evangelical secular authorities of Hungary.

The Vatican has already named its candidate in the person of a simple Benedictine monk. He is Justin Serey, the right-hand-man of the Papal Secretary of State Monsignore Gasparri. Hungarian by birth, Serey has been living in Rome since 1907. He is an expert on questions of canonical right and has been a valuable legal adviser to the Vatican.

Time and again, Justin Serey has represented the Roman Curia in its disputes with the present secular authorities of Hungary; time and again, he won the Vatican's cause against his home country, and thus has been preparing for the recovery of the Holy See's political influence over Hungary. It is said that of the Hungarian bishops appointed during the reign of Admiral Horthy, many were Serey's candidates.

At present, the Budapest Government is making its last stand against the Vatican. It no longer seriously contests the right of the Holy See to appoint the "Prince Primas" of Hungary. Now the Horthy Cabinet, though probably in vain, is opposing Vatican's avowed intention of appointing Justin Serey to that position. Hungary's present rulers feel that, in due time, the influence of the versatile Benedictine monk must weaken their hold on the country; as it most likely will. Not in the near future. But probably three years from now, when the young Otto of Hapsburg comes of age and will then have to receive the crown of Hungary from the hands of the Archbishop of Gran, Justin Serey, the appointee of Rome.—United Press.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

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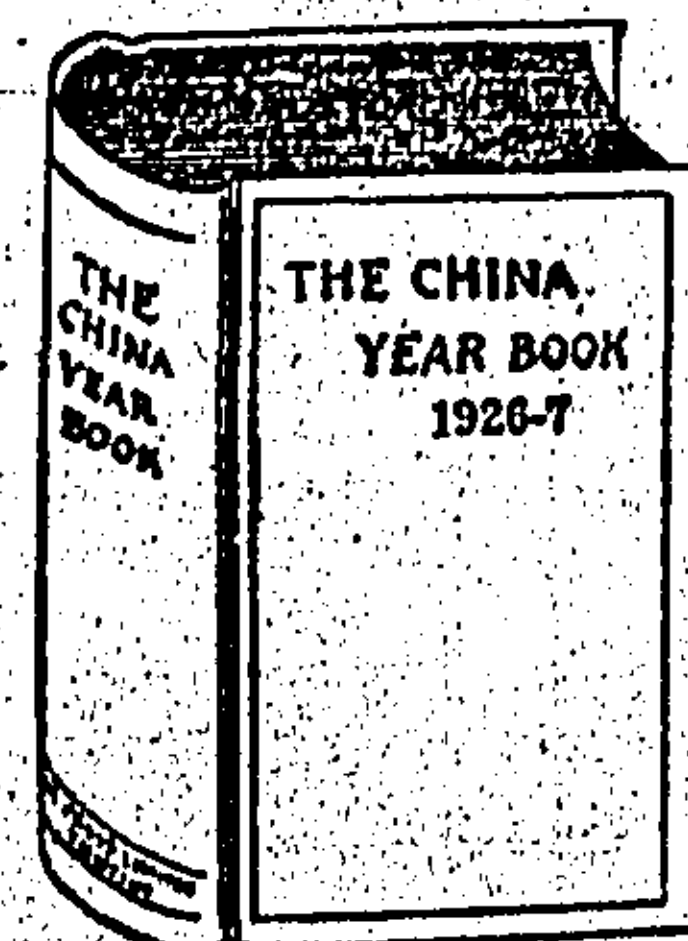
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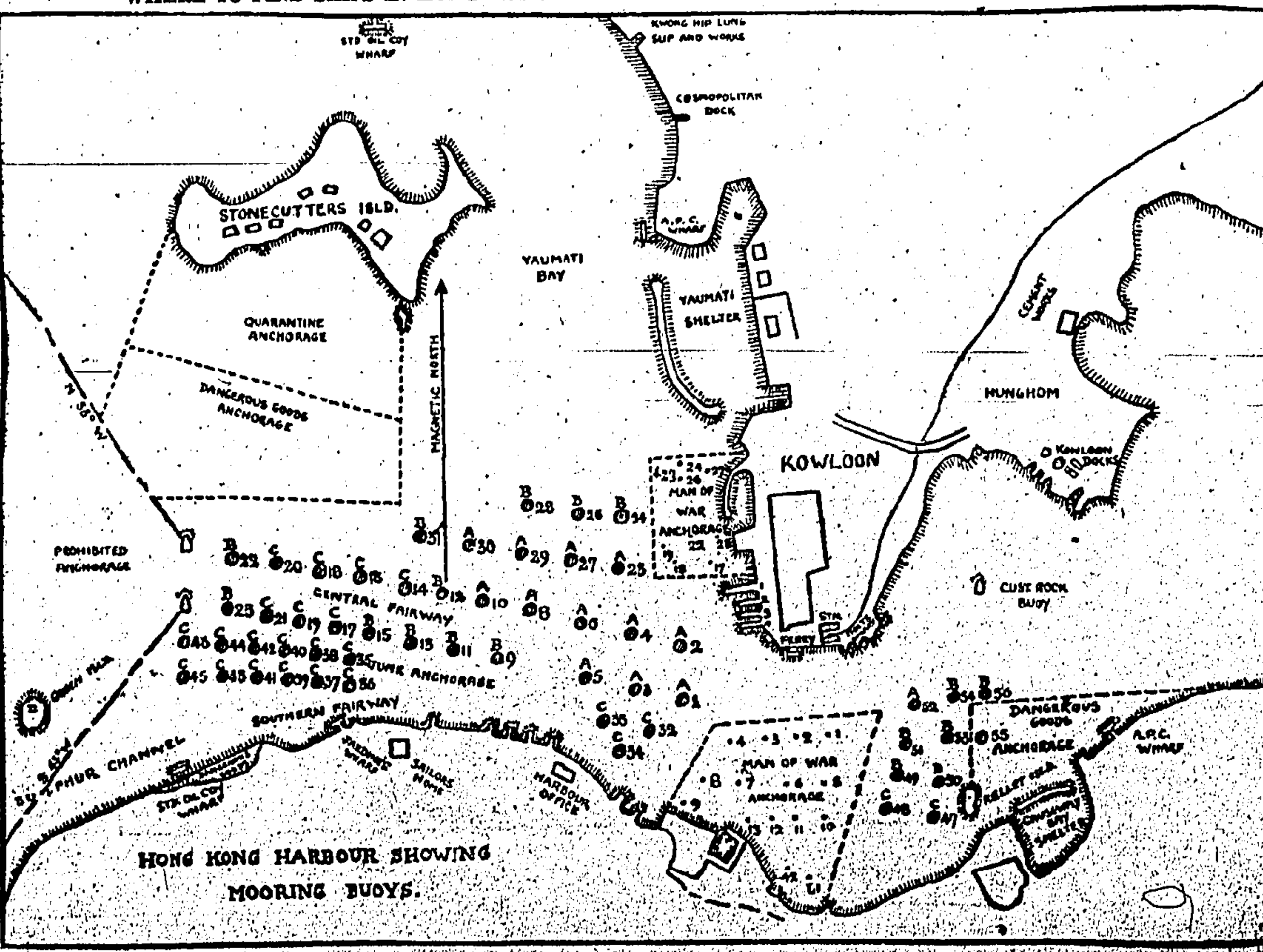
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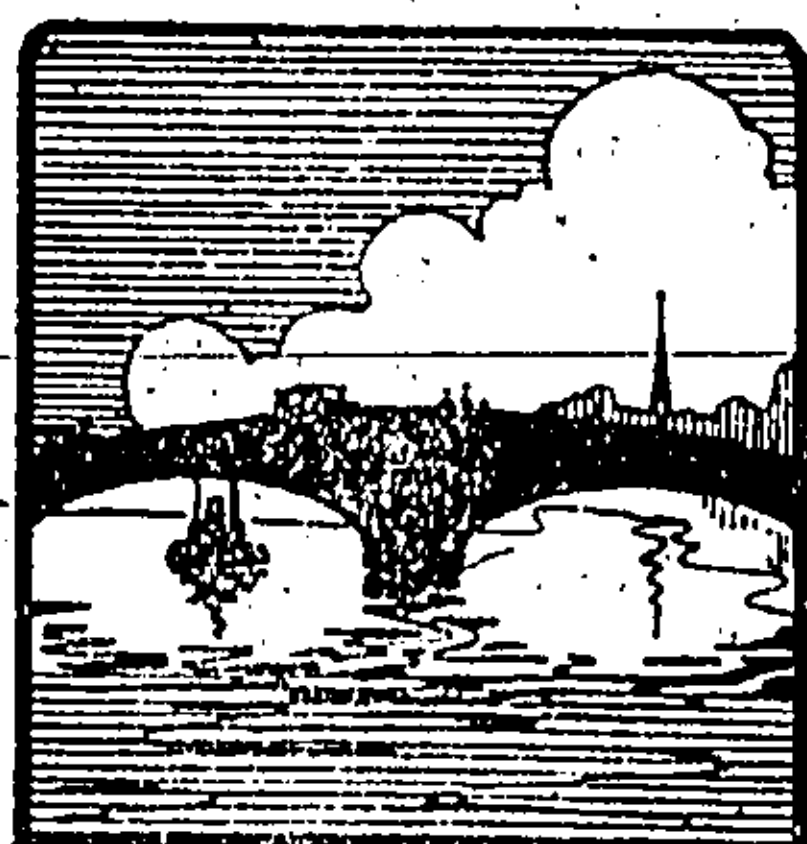
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in Canton, goods being seized and Chinese passengers from
British steamers being searched by uniformed pickets on the
West Bund. Up to now, however, the latter have not func-
tioned on the river.Sensation has followed sensation on the Chinese war fronts
during the week. Hankow is in a perilous plight; the Nanking
armies are closing in; but the "Christian General" who sent
an "S.O.S." to Nanking seems to be in dire peril of having his
own lines broken by the Northern armies. In other directions,
however, all is not well with the Northern armies, and unless
they make considerably more headway the Nanking forces will
be able to claim large victories.Communists have been giving trouble in Canton and
Tokyo on the anniversary of the Russian revolution, whilst a
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IPSWICH.

TRIBUTE BY LORD MAYOR.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London (Sir Rowland and Lady Blades), who were accompanied by Mr. Sheriff Shepherd and Mrs. Shepherd, paid a civic visit to Ipswich last month to open the Oak Hill Convalescent Home for Journalists, which has been presented to the Institute of Journalists by Mr. T. R. Parkinson. The visitors were received at the railway station by the Mayor of Ipswich (Mr. C. E. Tempus) and by Sir John Gannon, M.P., and drove to the Town Hall, where they were entertained at luncheon. Oak Hill, which was formerly the residence of the late Sir Daniel Goddard, stands in its own grounds above Ipswich and will provide accommodation for between 20 and 30 guests. It is intended that it shall be available as a convalescent home for all working journalists, and Mr. Parkinson has agreed to maintain the grounds of the estate during his lifetime. An endowment fund of £50,000 is now being raised by collections in every newspaper office in the country. Reference was made at the luncheon to the fact that although East Anglia has given many Lord Mayors to London, a Lord Mayor of London had never previously visited Ipswich during his term of office. The Deputy Mayor (Mr. K. J. Badshah) mentioned that, according to Dickens, there was a rebellion in Ipswich 100 years ago that day, when the boys of the principal day school combined to break the windows of an obnoxious apple seller. A hundred years ago to-day also, Mr. Fleckwick, at the instance of the maiden lady, was haled before the Mayor of Ipswich.

The Lord Mayor said that the Chief Magistrate of the City of London had always been identified with journalism. The Institute of Journalists was a City institution which was often spoken of as the youngest of the City Guilds.

After luncheon the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress drove to Oak Hill, where Sir Rowland Blades performed the opening ceremony. He said that the home was the only one in the world which was designed for the recuperation of working journalists. A great debt was due to journalists for the efficient and self-sacrificing way in which they carried out duties that were often acting and at all times responsible. The public-spirited action of the donor of Oak Hill, Mr. Parkinson, deserved the warmest praise. The committee responsible had set before itself the task of raising an endowment fund of £50,000, and it ought to be possible to secure that amount. Already some considerable benefactions had been forthcoming, including a generous donation of £1,000 from "The Times" and £400 collected by members of the staff of that newspaper, but much remained to be done, and he was glad to see that Sir Roderick Jones, the hon. treasurer, had issued an appeal. Working journalists were giving practical expression to their sympathy for the movement, and that disposition to help themselves would serve as the best recommendation of the scheme to the public. Because he realised the incalculable good that might ensue from the establishment of Oak Hill upon a self-supporting basis, he was delighted to associate himself with it. He would be glad to contribute £100 towards the endowment fund if nine other sums of a like amount were obtained.

On the motion of Mr. Charles Igglesden, president of the Institute, Mr. Parkinson was cordially thanked for his action in presenting Oak Hill to journalism. Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., supporting a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor, proposed by Mr. R. D. Blumenfeld, said that journalism was the most precarious of professions. The working journalist had a greater obligation to provide for the maintenance of his own profession than journalism. Every man who had made a fortune in journalism—and there were some—should give to Oak Hill the generous assistance to which it was entitled.

U. S. LEGIONARIES.REACH NEW YORK
BROKE.

New York.—Keg after keg of beer, untapped since it was located at Antwerp, lay in the hold of the red star liner "Pennland" which recently returned with 710 delegates to the American Legion convention at Paris. The passengers had not spurned refreshment, it was explained—they were just "broke" after their stay in France. On the trip to France with the legionaries, the "Pennland" carried three times its normal supply of beer and only eight kegs remained untapped for the return voyage the stewards again had tripled the supply, expecting a run on the bar. But the calculating stewards forgot to reckon on the flattened purses of the legionaries.

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"PROMISED LAND."NEW WORLD STATE IN
PARAGUAY.

THE LATEST SECT.

A New World State has started in the centre of Paraguay, the land-locked State in the heart of South America. It may start new political problems, but it will undoubtedly solve many, for it is to accommodate the Mennonites, a sect whose peculiar beliefs have made them a thorn in the flesh of many civil governments.

The sect originated in Russia. Some of its members opened up parts of Kansas and introduced the kind of wheat for which it is now famous.

In the United States there are about 175,000 members of the sect and in Canada about 50,000. Followers of the faith in modified forms are found in many other countries, and all are now looking to Paraguay as their "promised land."

Wanderers on the Earth. The Mennonites are pacifists who refuse all military activity, do not believe in oaths of allegiance and insist on the conduct of their own schools. Their attachment to a pastoral life is almost a part of their creed.

Difficulties with the civil authorities during and since the war have made them feel that their migration over the face of the earth must continue and they approached General Samuel McRoberts, head of the Chatham and Phoenix National Bank of America, who was chief of the procurement division of ordnance in the United States during the war.

General McRoberts has just returned to New York from a visit to the new country he has arranged for them.

"A committee of Canadian Mennonites came to me about five years ago," he said, "and explained that in Canada their unhappiness was increased because they were largely German in origin."

3,000,000 Acre Settlement. After some exploration a tract of 3,000,000 acres of fertile land was found in Upper Paraguay belonging to one wealthy family.

After arranging for the development of the land a charter was secured from the Government of Paraguay giving the new colonists all the privileges they demand, practically making the new colony a state within a state.

A delegation of Mennonites from Manitoba and Saskatchewan visited the land, and describe it as looking like an immense park, with oranges, lemons, bananas, and cotton growing wild.

About 2,000 of the new settlers are already in the country, having made their way up the River Paraguay from Buenos Ayres. They have founded a centre at Porto Casado, some 1,700 miles north of Buenos Ayres, and have built there a hotel and community houses.

Exodus From Canada. Mennonites in Canada are now trying to sell their farms before removing, and thousands of Mennonites in various parts of the world are turning their eyes to the new pacifist State, where the sword will never replace the ploughshare. The venture is bound to be watched with great interest. Americans cannot help but see the comparison with the Pilgrim Fathers. They emigrated to secure freedom, and they set up a religious state.

The wilderness into which the Mennonites are going is almost as little known and as unexplored as New England was then. Paraguay was founded as a religious state by Jesuit priests, who later withdrew. The future of this new enclave within it promises a great romance in state-building.

QUININE SEEDS.COSTLY CONSIGNMENT OF
NEW SPECIES.

A shipment of quinine seeds valued at about £4,000 was received last week by the Philippines bureau of forestry from Java. The seeds which come from the best species of quinine grown in Java, cost approximately P.10 to a gram.

The seeds will be germinated in the quinine nurseries in Bukidnon. The quinine nurseries there are in best conditions, according to latest reports from the person in charge. The work in the plantations is very satisfactory as manual and animal labour are available at any time and at a low cost. The young quinine plants in the nurseries have every probability of thriving due to the favourable climatic conditions.

The province of Bukidnon could supply the demand for quinine in the whole Philippine Archipelago once the industry is properly developed, officials of the bureau of forestry declared. The propagation of quinine will take not less than eight years. The quinine seeds are very hard to germinate because of the minute size and delicate tissues.

According to statistics, the Philippines import several thousand pesos' worth of quinine from Java annually. The demand for quinine has lately increased due to its many new uses.

TWO YEARS' QUEST.EXPLORER'S SEARCH FOR
PLANTS.

LEAVING LONDON SHORTLY.

An interesting expedition, behind which is a syndicate including Mr. Lionel de Rothschild, the Hon. Henry Duncan McLaren (Lord Aberconway's heir), Lord Forteviot and Lady Londonderry, is leaving London shortly for the North-Eastern Frontier of India.

It will be led by Mr. Frank Kingdon-Ward, who has made previous trips across China and through Tibet to obtain rare flora and plants.

It is planned to collect specimens for Kew, Edinburgh, and the Natural History Museum, as well as for the members of the syndicate, who as garden lovers are seeking rare and hardy plants. Mr. Hugh Clutterbuck, a cousin of Sir Peter Clutterbuck, late Inspector-General of Forests to the Government of India, will be associated with Mr. Kingdon-Ward.

Away Until 1929. "I leave in November," he told a "Sunday Times" representative recently, "and my first visit will be to Assam in the Naga Hills, and afterwards up the Lohit River to the Mishmi Hills to collect rhododendrons, blue poppies, and other rare specimens. I do not think I shall be back in England until some time in 1929."

Mr. Kingdon-Ward told how, when crossing from China to Tibet, he once visited a famous monastery at Mull. "When we stopped at the entrance one of the King's Ministers approached me with a deputation and invited me in."

"They begged me to see the King next day, as he was so very ill. I went into the Royal presence through miles of corridors and up dozens of ladders—they have no stairs. There I saw the King lying ill on piles of gorgeous cushions, being supported by two of his Ministers. "To be quite candid, I had no idea what was wrong with the king, but I knew it would be bad for me if I did not find some cure for his indisposition."

The Magical Pills. "I explained that it was a sickness that we did not have in our country, and that there was no name for it, but that I would give him some medicine and that he would recover. So I opened a little bottle of harmless looking pills which one would take for a headache or some similar indisposition, and told him he must take two after each meal."

"On the strength of this I was allowed to go to camp for a fortnight up in the mountains, and the King provided me with an excellent transport and a guide."

"When I got back I was prepared for trouble, but when I arrived the King was dressed up in the most marvellous clothes, was capering about on his cushions, and roaring with laughter. He told me he so much wanted to see my guns, my fieldglasses, and all my possessions, for he thought the 'white people the most wonderful people in the world, for I had cured him!'"

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From	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13	Per
Straits	NOVEMBER 13	Hakusan Maru.
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For	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12	Per	Time
Fort Bayard	NOVEMBER 12	Yan On	1.30 p.m.
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Welshai		Cheongshing	3.30 p.m.
Manila		Pawlet	3.30 p.m.
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Amoy		Antung	5 p.m.
Fort Bayard		Chung Hing	5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13	Kaijo Maru	9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow		Kwangchow	9 a.m.
Shanghai	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14	Hakusan Maru	10.30 a.m.
Saloon & Mauritius		Tinhow	12.30 p.m.
Swatow		Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Manila		Pres. Lincoln	4.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 26th Nov. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (15th Nov.) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		Taiping.	
Swatow, Amoy & Poochow	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15	Hai Hong	Noon
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 18th Dec. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letter 2.30 p.m.		Calchas.	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & "Europe" via Vancouver, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 4th Dec. & Europe via Siberia. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.		Emp. of Asia.	
Swatow	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18	Wai Shing	5 p.m.
Japan		Tango Maru	9.30 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels noon.			

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COMMUNISTS TO GO.

Confirmation of Canton's Policy.

IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS.

Mass Meeting Attended By
Over 300,000.

Although much of the foregoing, sent to us by the Prodehanar News Agency, Canton, has been covered already by our own correspondent on Chinese affairs, the official version may be of interest to some of our readers.

A mass meeting attended by more than 300,000 citizens of Canton took place on the 3rd inst. to welcome Mr. Wang Ching-wei and Mrs. Liao Chung-kai and to celebrate the extinction of the Communists, Ho Lung and Yieh Ting. Important resolutions were passed and a circular telegram sent out. Mr. Wang delivered a remarkable address.

The resolutions were:—

1. That we should elevate the supreme power of the Kuomintang.
2. That we should support our revolutionary leaders to re-establish the central organ of the Party.
3. That we should request the Executive Supervisory Committee to call the 4th plenary session of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee in Canton to solve all Party and National problems.
4. That we should altogether throughout the country oppose the Nanking Special Committee.
5. That we should follow the instructions of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the revolutionary leader, Mr. Li Chai-sum, the military leader, Mrs. Liao Chung-kai, the women's leader, to accomplish the revolutionary work of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. The circular telegram stated, inter alia:

"We are requesting your attention to the following:—

- (1) To solicit the Nationalist Government to carry on eliminating the Communists, checking their injuries to the contrary.
- (2) To welcome Mr. Wang Ching-wei to manage the Party and country, putting all the affairs in the right track in order to carry out the politics and policies of the Kuomintang.
- (3) To despatch greater strong forces to attack General Tang Seng-chi, so as to maintain the dignity of the Nationalist Government.
- (4) To strengthen the revolutionary base and to eradicate the activities of the Communists.
- (5) To promote the welfare of the people by eliminating all bandits."

Mr. Wang in his address stated:—"The causes for to-day's meeting are twofold, firstly to welcome me; secondly to celebrate the extinction of the Communist troops under Ho Lung and Yieh Ting. With regard to myself, I am too much to be welcomed, but to the celebration of the triumphant return of our intrepid soldiers, it may be the sign of the triumph of our people and also the victory of our Revolution. We should be overwhelmed with joy. At the same moment we must stop and think how much shall we pay for those who struggled, or died in these battles. It goes without saying that our sole and heavy responsibility is to follow their sacrificial and revolutionary spirits to eliminate completely the Communists and those degenerated and undesirable elements. As regards the main purpose of my present return to Canton, I am planning to save the Party which will control the armies, and the country, thus with all the authorities centralised and whatever influences under the Party guidance. Now the Party has been ruined. With the Nanking Special Committee in existence there is no possibility for the Party to survive. Consequently upon the Special Committee's usurpation of all the powers of the Central Executive-Supervisory Committee, I strongly advocate the downfall of the Special Committee and at the same time the re-establishment of the central organ of the Party and convocation of 4th Committee conference in order to solve all important outstanding problems. The objective of this proposed conference is not only to discuss the Party questions or to maintain peace, but to free the people, in pursuance of our re-

INDIAN REFORMS.

Responsibility of British Government.

A LIBERAL'S VIEWS.

"Peaceful Progress and Goodwill."

London, Nov. 11.

Sir John Simon (Liberal) in the constituency he represents in Parliament, refers to the great and difficult task before the Indian Statutory Commission of which he is the chairman. He says the British Parliament has a tremendous responsibility to the peoples of India. It is a responsibility which cannot be evaded for it is rooted in history and in the facts of the world of to-day. Therefore the future of India is to be one of peaceful progress and of goodwill both in India and in Britain. This can come about only by the action of the British Parliament combined with the co-operation of India itself.

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"RED ROSE."

ARRIVES SAFELY AT BUSRA.

Basra, Nov. 10.

The light aeroplane "Red Rose," which is on her way from England to Australia, and had a forced landing owing to magnet trouble, on the site of the ancient Ur of the Chaldees, has arrived.—Reuter.

COMING FLIGHT ROUND AFRICA.

TO HELP HER HUSBAND.

Rugby, Nov. 11.

Lady Cobham will accompany Sir Allan Cobham on a flight of 20,000 miles round Africa, which he begins next Thursday from Rochester. She is going as a member of a crew of six, which the flying boat "Singapore" will carry, and in addition to assisting her husband in keeping detailed records of the flight, she will supervise the cooking for the crew.—British Wireless Service.

BELGIAN AVIATORS' MISFORTUNE.

SHORT-LIVED FLIGHT.

Brussels, Nov. 11.

The Belgian aviators, Medaets and Verhaegen, who started non-stop flight to Leopoldville in the Congo, crashed at Chaumont near Brest. Both were seriously injured.—Reuter.

voluntary spirit, from all sorts of sorrows and sufferings, viz., the evils of the Communists and the degenerated and undesirable elements. We shall convene this conference according to the constitution of the Party for the general good of the people, such as the reduction of rents, establishments of Peasants' Banks for the peasants; promulgation of labour laws for the labourers; reduction of taxation, and restoration of communications; facilities for the merchants; independence of the Educational Fund; promotion of Unions for the intellectuals; and attention paid to the living of the soldiers, etc. It is quite plain that this committee conference will seek benefits for and relieve sufferings of the people as far as possible. Furthermore, it will uplift the supreme power of the Party, by which all affairs of the country will be controlled, and accomplish the revolutionary work in accordance with the "Three People's Doctrine." Then the objective of to-day's meeting would be realised. Being also one of the members of to-day's meeting, I will continue on the revolutionary spirit to overthrow the Nanking Special Committee, eliminate all the influence of degenerated and undesirable elements, and accomplish the Nationalist Revolution."

RADIO.

International Convention A Success.

ARTICLES CATHIED.

Procedure Fortand And Ship Stations.

Washington, Yesterday.

A plenary session of the International Radio Conference, under the chairmanship of Mr. H. Hoover, has ratified the 18 articles of the new Radio Convention specifying the procedure to be adopted for communication between land and ship stations, including the rules for licensing stations and safeguards against interference in distress calls from ships.

The Belgian delegate intimated that Belgium was willing to hold the Telegraphic Conference in Brussels in 1928 instead of 1930.—Reuter.

HOLLAND & HER COLONIES.

Radio-Telephone Results.

The Hague, Yesterday.

The Postmaster-General, in a communique, states that excellent results were obtained by the short-wave radio telephone between Holland and the Dutch East Indies on the 7th inst., and that if the same standard of results is maintainable, regular telephone communication between Holland and her Colonies is assured.—Reuter.

DEFENCE FORCE.

RESERVISTS BACK IN BRITAIN.

ARMY ALLOWANCE.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Neil McLean, Sir L. Worthington-Evans, Secretary of State for War, stated that out of 408 in section "A" reservists of the Shanghai Defence Force who had already been retransferred to the Reserve 247 had left their employment to return to the colours. He had no definite information as to how many had found employment.

The "A" Reservists, on retransfer to the Reserve, received fourteen days' leave with full pay and allowances, and the payment of £10 in respect of each man made from Army funds to the Unemployment Fund, as a result of which he was able to draw unemployment benefit for 26 weeks. If he cannot find employment no special maintenance allowance is payable.—Reuter.

DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

SOME NEW APPOINTMENTS APPROVED.

A CHANGE AT STOCKHOLM.

Rugby, Yesterday.

His Majesty the King has approved of the following appointments in the Diplomatic Service. Sir Tudor Vaughan, Envoy-Extraordinary and Minister-Plenipotentiary at Riga, Reval, and Kovno to be Envoy-Extraordinary and Minister-Plenipotentiary at Stockholm.

Sir William Erskine, Envoy-Extraordinary and Minister-Plenipotentiary at Sofia to be Envoy-Extraordinary and Minister-Plenipotentiary at Warsaw.—British Wireless Service.

LOAN FOR SOVIET.

U.S. BANKERS APPROACHED IN NEW YORK.

RESULT NOT KNOWN.

New York, Yesterday. According to the "New York Times" it is reliably reported in Wall Street that Soviet representatives recently approached American bankers with a view to raising a loan of \$100,000,000 in 60-year 3½ per cent. bonds.—Reuter's American Service.

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WELL-KNOWN PHILANTHROPIST'S DEATH.

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